

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT, 2022 TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTIONS TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, STATE GOVERNORS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE SAME DATE WHICH IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria as follows:

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| 1 | 1. The Electoral Act 2022 (in this Part referred to as "the Principal      | Amendment of      |
| 2 | Act"), is amended as set out in this Part.                                 | the Principal Act |
| 3 | 2. Section 28 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting new             | Amendment of      |
| 4 | subsections 1-4 before the extant subsection 1 and renumbering accordingly | Section 28        |

1 to read as follows;

2 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, all elections into  
3 elective positions in the Federation namely;

4 (a) The election to the office of President and Vice President;

5 (b) Elections to the offices of Governor and Deputy Governor of each  
6 State of the Federation;

7 (c) Elections to the Senate and House of Representatives;

8 (d) Elections to the Houses of Assembly of the States of the  
9 Federation; and

10 (e) Elections to the Chairmen and Councilors of Local Government  
11 Areas in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

12 (2) Elections Shall be held on the same day which shall not be earlier  
13 than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of the  
14 office of the last holder of that office.

15 (3) The date for the elections provided in subsection (2) shall be  
16 appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission in consultation  
17 with other relevant stakeholders.

18 (4) Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Independent National  
19 Electoral Commission from fixing different dates for bye-elections or  
20 supplementary elections where necessary.

Citation

21 **3.** This Bill may be cited as Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to provide that elections to the offices of President, State Governors, National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly and Local Government Council shall be conducted simultaneously on the same date which is to be determined by the Independent National Electoral Commission in consultation with the National Assembly.