

A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE TERM OF SIX YEARS FOR THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT, STATE GOVERNORS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA COUNCILS TO ACHIEVE A REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND WASTAGE, EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNANCE, AND NATIONAL STABILITY 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 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As | Amendment of |
| 2 | Amended) (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is further altered as set | the Principal Act |
| 3 | out in this Bill; | |
| 4 | 2. Section 7 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new | Amendment of |
| 5 | subsection (5) immediately after the extant subsection 4 and before the | Section 7 |
| 6 | extant subsection 5 as follows: | |
| 7 | (5) A holder of the office of a Local Government Chairman shall | |

1 vacate his office at expiration of a period of six years commencing from the
2 date such holder was elected into office.

Amendment of
Section 135

3 **3.** Section 135 subsections (2), (2A) and (3) of the Principal Act is
4 altered by replacing the word "four" with "six as follows:

5 "(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the
6 President shall vacate his office at the expiration of a period of six (6) years
7 single tenure commencing from the date, when-

8 (a) in the case of a person first elected as President under this
9 Constitution, he took the Oath of Allegiance and the oath of office; and

10 (b) in any other case, the person last elected to that office under this
11 Constitution took the Oath of Allegiance and oath of office or would, but for his
12 death, have taken such Oaths.

13 (2A) in the determination of the six years term, where a re run election
14 has taken place and the person earlier sworn wins the re-run election, the time
15 spent in the office before the date the election was annulled, shall be taken into
16 account.

17 (3) If the Federation is at war in which the territory of Nigeria is
18 physically involved and the President considers that it is not practicable to hold
19 elections, the National Assembly may by resolution extend the period of six (6)
20 years mentioned in subsection (2) of this section from time to time; but no such
21 extension shall exceed a period of six months at anyone time.

Amendment of
Section 137

22 **4.** Section 137 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting paragraph (b)
23 and renumbering appropriately.

Amendment of
Section 180

24 **5.** Section 180 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the extant
25 subsections 2 & 3 and replacing it with new subsections 2 & 3 as follows:

26 (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the
27 Governor shall vacate his office at the expiration of a period of six (6) years
28 single tenure commencing from the date when-

29 (a) in the case of a person first elected as Governor under this
30 Constitution, he took the Oath of Allegiance and oath of office; and

1 (b) the person last elected to that office took the Oath of Allegiance
2 and oath of office or would, but for his death, have taken such oaths.

3 (3) If the Federation is at war in which the territory of Nigeria is
4 physically involved and the President considers that it is not practicable to
5 hold elections, the National Assembly may by resolution extend the period
6 of six years mentioned in subsection (2) of this section from time to time, but
7 no such extension shall exceed a period of six months at any one time

8 **6.** Section 182 (1) is altered by deleting paragraph (b) and Amendment of
9 renumbering appropriately. Section 182 (1)

10 **7.** The Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Citation
11 Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) to provide for a single term of six years for the offices of the President, State Governors, and Chairmen of Local Government Area Councils to achieve a reduction in government spending and wastage, foster efficiency in governance, national stability.