

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, VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE GOVERNORS, DEPUTY GOVERNORS, MEMBERS OF THE TWO CHAMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY 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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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 | Alteration of |
| 2 | Amended) (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is further altered as set | Constitution, 1999 |
| 3 | out in this Bill; | |

Alteration of
Section 7

1 **2.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new
2 subsection (5) immediately after the extant subsection 4 and before the extant
3 subsection 5 as follows;

4 (5) A holder of the office of a Local Government Chairman shall
5 vacate his office at expiration of a period of six years commencing from the
6 date such holder was elected into office.

Alteration of
Section 68

7 **3.** Section 68 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new
8 subsection (2) before the extant subsection 2 and renumbering accordingly as
9 follows;

10 (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a
11 member of the Senate or the House of Representatives shall vacate his office at
12 expiration of a period of Six years commencing from the date such member of
13 the Senate or House of Representatives was elected into office.

Alteration of
Section 109

14 **4.** Section 109 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new
15 subsection (2) before the extant subsection 2 and renumbering accordingly as
16 follows;

17 (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a
18 member of a House of Assembly shall vacate his office at the expiration of a
19 period of six years commencing from the date such member was elected into
20 office.

Alteration of
Section 135

21 **5.** Section 13S subsections (2), (2A) and (3) of the Principal Act is
22 altered by replacing the word "four" with "six as follows;

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

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

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

1 (2A) in the determination of the six years term, where a re run
2 election has taken place and the person earlier sworn wins the re-run
3 election, the time spent in the office before the date the election was
4 annulled, shall be taken into account.

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

10 **6.** Section 137 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting paragraph
11 (b) and renumbering appropriately.

Alteration of
Section 137

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

Alteration of
Section 180

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

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

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

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

26 **8.** Section 182 (1) is altered by deleting paragraph (b) and
27 renumbering appropriately.

Alteration of
Section 182 (1)

28 **9.** The Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of
29 Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend 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, Members of the two chambers of the National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly and Local Government Area Councils to achieve a reduction in government spending and wastage, efficiency in governance, and national stability.