

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 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNANCE, AND NATIONAL STABILITY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinphi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap C23
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23, LFN, 2004

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

Alteration of Section 135 of the Principal Act

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

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

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

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

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

Alteration of
Section 137 of
the Principal Act

6 **3** Section 137 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting paragraph (b)
7 and renumbering appropriately.

Citation

8 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
9 Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to limit the terms of Office of President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to a single term of six years only. The proposed alteration is intended to foster efficiency in governance and national stability.