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1.0 INTRODUCTION

I bring you the warm compliments of the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Committee on Constitution Review.

I am pleased to present to you a Summarised Compendium of House Bills seeking to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), pursuant to Sections 4, 8, and 9 of the Constitution and Order 20, Rule 30 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (11th Edition). These Bills are currently under consideration for inputs at the Zonal Public Hearings.

The Bills, sponsored by Members of the House, represent legislative efforts aimed at addressing various developmental challenges affecting governance practices in Nigeria.

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- A. Electoral Reforms
- B. Judicial Reforms
- C. Legislature
- D. Inclusive Governance
- E. Security and Policing
- F. Devolution of Powers
- G. Strengthening of Institutions
- H. Traditional Institutions
- I. Fiscal Reforms
- J. Citizenship and Indigeneship
- K. Fundamental Human Rights
- L. Local Government Reform
- M. States and Local Governments Creation

2.0 PURPOSE OF THE SUMMARISED COMPENDIUM

1. To present the Compendium as reference material to all stakeholders and members of the public during the Zonal Public Hearings, thereby enabling them to understand the legislative proposals.

2. To facilitate public engagement by allowing citizens to seek clarifications, critically examine the Bills based on their subject matter, and contribute through constructive input.

3. To foster the exchange of ideas during the Hearings, thereby providing Members of the House with valuable insights into the expectations and concerns of their constituents and the wider public. This will help guide their legislative actions and inform their decisions when the Bills are brought up for voting.

4. To provide feedback to members of the public who submitted memoranda, informing them whether and how their concerns have been addressed in the proposed amendments.

3.0 COLLATION OF CITATIONS OF THE BILLS

A. ELECTORAL REFORMS

This theme comprises twelve (12) Bills collectively aiming to address the conducting of all general elections in a single day, decamping as a ground for impeachment, independent candidature, establishment of a local government elections commission, prevention of invalidation of elections on grounds of deficiencies in a deputy's qualifications, appointment of Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission by the National Judicial Council, prevention of a dual position of party executive and elective office, among others.

Structural enhancements such as the establishment of the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission (PPRRC) and the Electoral Offences Commission (EOC). Conclusion of pre-election matters and petitions before swearing-in is also proposed for consideration.

B. JUDICIAL REFORMS

This area comprises twenty one (21) Bills proposing amendments including, to designate the Court of Appeal as the final appellate body for some election petitions, to create Local Government Election Tribunals, removal of the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chief Judges of the States from the Federal and States Judicial Service Commissions respectively, enabling concurrent jurisdiction between the Federal High Court and state High Courts in adjudicating electoral offences, increase the number of Justices of the Federal High Court, Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, and empowering judges to conclude part-heard criminal cases after elevation to higher courts.

Others include increasing membership of the Code of Conduct Tribunal while conforming to the principles of federal character, providing time-bound and expeditious procedures for appointing new Justices of the Supreme Court and new acting heads of courts to ensure seamless judicial leadership transitions, redefining judicial office to include magistrates, involving the National Judicial Council in the fixing and increase of remuneration of judicial officers, expansion of the Federal High Court jurisdiction to include admiralty matters and strengthening processes for removing judicial officers.

C. THE LEGISLATURE

This subhead on legislative reform introduces three (3) Bills aimed at seeking to transfer the power of proclaiming a new Assembly to the Clerk of the National Assembly or the House of Assembly. Additionally, it specifies timelines for the presentation of treaties to the National Assembly for enactment, the Bills also mandate automatic admission of members with valid Certificates of Return.

D. INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

This subhead on inclusive governance introduces three (3) Bills aimed at creating reserved seats for women and physically challenged persons in the National and State Houses of Assembly, and mandating a certain percentage in the composition of Ministers of the Federation to be reserved for Women.

E. SECURITY AND POLICING

This subheading contains a single Bill which seeks to establish State Police; an independent Police Force for each State of the Federation.

F. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

The Bills on devolution of powers are ten (10) in number, and aimed at transferring water management to State governments, transferring control of natural resources in a state to be jointly between the Federal and State Government, transferring mines and minerals to State governments which will remit 25% of such revenue to the Federal Government.

Furthermore, the proposals include transfer and inclusion of taxes and levies, quarantine, tourism, road tolls, Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal records as well as the construction of non-trunk A roads to the Concurrent Legislative List, allowing States to fund and manage infrastructure more efficiently.

G. STRENGTHENING OF INSTITUTIONS

The theme on strengthening institutions comprises fourteen (14) Bills aimed at expanding the Federal Civil Service Commission to ensure representation from all States, mandating government agencies to submit yearly financial statements to the Auditor-General and ensuring the timely publication of the Auditor-General's reports, mandatory conduct of national population census once every 10 years, removal of remove transitional law-making powers from the Executive Arm of Government, and a timeline for budgets to be presented to the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly.

A significant amendment seeks to separate the office of the Attorney-General from that of the Minister/Commissioner of Justice, proposing to give the National Assembly

power to summon the President or a State Governors to answer on key national security issues.

Other proposals include reverting to Parliamentary system of government, and establishment of a House of Assembly for the Federal Capital Territory, among others.

H. TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

This theme consists of a single Bill which seeks to recognize and establish the advisory and functional roles of traditional rulers within the security and governance framework.

I. FISCAL REFORMS

This subhead contains two (2) Bills focused on mandating the publication of the Auditor General's reports and designation of a special account for borrowed funds and credit facilities, as well as publication of progress report on the accounts.

J. CITIZENSHIP AND INDIGENESHIP

This category includes four (4) Bills proposing a new "citizenship by investment", granting citizenship rights to spouses of Nigerian women and granting indigene status to persons by reason of birth, marriage or settlement for not less than 10 years.

K. FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS

This subhead addresses fundamental rights with four (4) Bills, which seek to define torture and inhuman treatment to include parading of crime suspects, and proposing that any International Human Right Instrument ratified by the Federal Government automatically gains the force of law in Nigeria with no further need for a legislative process.

The third Bill directs courts to automatically commute a sentence of death on a pregnant woman to a sentence of life imprisonment, reinforcing the right to life for unborn children of convicts.

L. LOCAL GOVERNMENT/LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTONOMY

There are twelve (14) Bills under this subhead seeking to enhance the autonomy of the local governments by providing a structured system of executive and legislative arms of the local governments, as well as an independent electoral body for conducting election to local government offices, and full financial autonomy for local government councils.

Several of the Bills address amendments to Part I of the First Schedule, including renaming and delineating certain local government areas in Oyo, Kaduna, Abia, and Ebonyi States.

4.0 COLLATION OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA AND LONG TITLES

A comprehensive exposé of the Bills before the Committee are presented below:

A. ELECTORAL REFORM

NO. 1

HB. 1217

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ESTABLISH AND EMPOWER THE POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION AND REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REGISTER, REGULATE, AND MONITOR THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter sections 40, 81, 84, 153, 222, 225, 226, 228 and the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution to establish the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission (PPRRC) and empower it to register, regulate and monitor political parties in Nigeria. Hence this reduces the burden on INEC and also allows the PPRRC to focus squarely on regulating the registration, dissolution and regulation of the operation, finances, internal democracy, party primaries and general conduct of Political Parties in Nigeria so as to ensure order, transparency and a level playing field.

NO. 2

HB. 1219

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ESTABLISH AND EMPOWER THE ELECTORAL OFFENCES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION OF ELECTORAL OFFENCES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 84 and 153 of the Constitution to establish the Electoral Offences Commission (EOC) and empower it to investigate and prosecute electoral offences in Nigeria. This Electoral Offences Commission (EOC) will investigate and prosecute all pre-election, election-day and post-election crimes.

NO. 3

HB. 1306

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ALL GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NIGERIA ON THE SAME DAY. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS ALTERATION IS TO STREAMLINE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, REDUCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC), AND ENSURE A MORE EFFICIENT AND INCLUSIVE VOTING SYSTEM FOR ALL CITIZENS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 84, 153 and the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution to provide that all general elections in Nigeria be held on the same day. This is to ensure a streamlined electoral process, so as to reduce the administrative burden on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

NO. 4

HB. 1381

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY RESIGNATION OF NATIONAL AND STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES SEEKING ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 233 of the Constitution to ensure that no one person will occupy the office of a Party Executive and still occupy a Government elective office. Hence, a member of a national and state executive of a political party must compulsorily resign before vying for elective government position.

NO. 5

HB. 1630

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 AS (AMENDED) TO ALLOW FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT SPONSORED BY POLITICAL PARTIES IN PRESIDENTIAL, GOVERNORSHIP, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS' ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2024

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of Sections 7, 65, 106, 131, 177, 221 and 228 of the Constitution to allow a person to run for elective office without the need to join a political party and be sponsored by it for the election. In such a case, such a person will run as an “independent candidate” to contest for elective positions at all levels.

NO. 6

HB. 1649

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO VEST THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC) WITH THE POWER TO CONDUCT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 197, 201 and 202 of the Constitution to give the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) the powers to carry out Local Government Area Council elections, rather than the State Independent Electoral Commission.

NO. 7

HB. 2166

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, ACT NO 1 OF 2010, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF ELECTION TIMELINES BY THE ELECTORAL ACT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 5, 10, 11, 17 of the Constitution to remove fixed election timelines from the Constitution and allow the National Assembly to regulate them through the Electoral Act for greater flexibility in electoral administration.

NO. 8

HB: 2167

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 109(1)(G) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO REQUIRE THE OFFICIAL RESIGNATION FROM A POLITICAL PARTY BEFORE DEFECTION BY A MEMBER OF THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 109 of the Constitution to ensure that a member of a State House of Assembly may only defect from his party to another party if he first officially resigns his membership of his party either in writing or verbally. This is to promote accountability, party discipline and good governance.

NO. 9

HB. 994

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO REVIEW THE GROUNDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA; AND GOVERNOR OR DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF A STATE FROM OFFICE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 143 and 188 of the Constitution so as to clearly spell out the actions or inactions (one of which includes decamping from one political party to another where there is no evidence of division or crisis in his original party) which a President, Vice-President, Governor or Deputy Governor may commit that will constitute gross misconduct and will make him or her liable to be removed by either the National Assembly or State House of Assembly.

NO. 10

HB 1581

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO PRESERVE THE ELECTIONS OF CANDIDATES TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OR GOVERNOR WHOSE DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR QUALIFICATION FOR THE ELECTION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 142 and 187 of the Constitution in order to preserve the elections of candidates to the office of President of Governor, where the deputies of

such candidates have been found to have deficiencies in their qualifications. The proposed amendment is aimed at ensuring that the election of a President or Governor is not invalidated or rendered void solely on the basis of the ineligibility in the qualifications of their running mates or deputies.

NO. 11
HB 1589

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO REFORM THE MODE OF APPOINTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION BY INVOLVING THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution by introducing a reform in the appointment process of the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission. The proposed amendment aims to involve the National Judicial Council (NJC) in the selection of the INEC Chairman, thereby enhancing the independence, credibility, and transparency of the appointment process.

NO. 12
HB 1154

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ALL APPEALS ARISING FROM ELECTION PETITION TRIBUNALS PRIOR TO SWEARING-IN OF PRESIDENT-ELECT, VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT, GOVERNOR ELECT, DEPUTY GOVERNOR-ELECT, MEMBERS-ELECT OF THE NATIONAL AND STATE ASSEMBLIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter to ensure all election appeals are resolved before elected officials assume office. The goal is to enhance electoral transparency and legitimacy. By settling disputes pre-inauguration, the Bill aims to prevent governance disruptions and boost public trust. This measure ensures only candidates with undisputed mandates take office. Ultimately, it promotes a seamless power transition and strengthens our democracy.

B. JUDICIAL REFORMS

NO. 13
HB. 79

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP.C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF APPEAL OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA AND THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter 6, 84, 247, 280, 288, 289, 292, 318, and the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution to provide for a similar Court system to the Sharia Courts, unique to

Christianity, called; the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the States, despite the disparities in Christian beliefs in Nigeria.

NO. 14

HB. 1212

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO MAKE THE COURT OF APPEAL THE FINAL APPEAL COURT IN GOVERNORSHIP, NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION PETITIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill however seeks to alter Section 246 of the Constitution to ensure that all Governorship Election Petitions end at the Court of Appeal as final appellate court, just as is done for the National Assembly, and State Houses of Assembly election petitions. The Bill aims to reduce delays in resolving election disputes, and ensure quick delivery and dispensation of justice.

NO. 15

HB. 907

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO PROVIDE TIME FRAME FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES INTO THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA, WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING VACUUM, THUS ENSURING SPEEDY DELIVERY OF CASES BEFORE THE APEX COURT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to remedy that situation, to alter Section 231 of the Constitution provide for a compulsory timeframe for which a new Judge of the Supreme Court of Nigeria must be mandatorily appointed once there is a vacuum in the number of Judges, with a view to preventing vacuum in the court that is caused either by resignation, death or retirement of an existing judge of the Court. The Bill seeks to ensure speedy delivery of cases before the apex court.

NO. 16

HB. 115

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP. C23 LFN 2004 TO CONFER JURISDICTION ON THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT TO TRY OFFENSES ARISING FROM VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTORAL ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 251 of the Constitution to enable the Federal High Court, the High Court of the FCT and High Courts of the States to all exercise concurrent jurisdiction to entertain matters relating to the prosecution of electoral offences and offences derived from other electoral related issues. The idea of the Bill is to ensure that no one Court is overburdened with handling electoral offences, thus the flexibility

would allow all the High Courts to handle these offences therefore helping in decongestion of the Courts and ease in prosecution of electoral offences.

**NO.17
HB. 582**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ENHANCE QUICK DISPENSATION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN COURTS BY AUTHORISING THE JUSTICES OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT, HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AND STATE HIGH COURTS TO SIT AS JUSTICES OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT, HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AND STATE HIGH COURTS RESPECTIVELY ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCLUDING ANY PART-HEARD CRIMINAL MATTER PENDING BEFORE THEM UPON THEIR ELEVATION TO THE COURT OF APPEAL AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 253, 258 and 273 of the Constitution to empower and mandate a judge of the Federal High Court, the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, and State High Courts who has been elevated/promoted to the Court of Appeal to return to his original High Court to conclude all pending criminal matters that have been partly heard and was pending before them, even after their elevation to the Court of Appeal. This is to prevent the need for the criminal matter to be reassigned to a new judge and be started afresh.

This provision aims to prevent delays in justice delivery, ensure continuity in judicial proceedings, and avoid the duplication of efforts and resources caused by reassigning part-heard cases to other judges.

**NO.18
HB. 1230**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, TO PROVIDE A CLEAR AND STRUCTURED TRANSITION PROCESS FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE HEADS OF COURTS IN NIGERIA, SPECIFICALLY IN CASES OF REMOVAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, DEATH, OR RETIREMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 238 of the Constitution, to provide a clear and structured transition process for the heads of courts in Nigeria, specifically in cases of removal, health challenges, death, or retirement. This will minimize any disruption in the administration of justice, ensuring the continued functioning of the judiciary without delay or conflict.

Furthermore, the Bill proposes to establish clear guidelines for the appointment of acting heads of courts, their powers, and the duration of their appointment, where applicable.

**NO. 19
HB. 1354**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO STRENGTHEN THE PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of Section 292 of the Constitution, to strengthen the procedure for the removal of judicial officers, thereby ensuring greater independence and impartiality within the Judiciary. The National Judicial Council (NJC) will therefore play a pivotal role in the removal process, and ensure that the judicial officer in question receives fair hearing on the subject matter, and without the recommendation of the NJC, the State House of Assembly or the Senate as the case may be cannot pass any vote removing the judicial officer.

**NO. 20
HB. 1444**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO AMONG OTHER THINGS EXPAND THE MEANING OF JUDICIAL OFFICE AS SET OUT IN SECTION 318, PART IV TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF A MAGISTRATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution to include the office of a magistrate under classification as a judicial officer in Section 318 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**NO. 21
HB. 1729**

A BILL AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE JUDICIARY SERVICE COMMISSION FROM AMONG THE RETIRED CHIEF JUDGES OF THE STATE, GRAND KHADIS OF SHARIA COURT OF APPEAL, AND JUDGES PRESIDENTS OF THE CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL AND JUDGES OF THE STATE HIGH COURT; TO BRING THE PROCEDURE FOR SUCH APPOINTMENT TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES; TO CURB DUPLICATION OF DUTIES AND OVER-CONCENTRATION OF POWERS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGES OF A STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution to ensure that the Chief Judge is no longer the Chairman of the State Judicial Service Commission, but rather a Chairman will be selected from among retired Chief Judges of the State, Grand Khadis of Sharia Court of Appeal, Presidents of the Customary Court of Appeal and Judges of the State High Court.

The idea is to curb duplication of duties and over-concentration of powers in the office of the Chief Judges of a State.

NO. 22
HB. 1877

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL CHARACTER PRINCIPLES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 230 of the Constitution, to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of Nigeria from twenty-one to twenty-five.

NO. 23
HB. 1886

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESUMED RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA, JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF CERTAIN COURTS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 231, 238 among other provisions of the Constitution to give the Nigerian Bar Association a pivotal role in the removal of judges of certain courts it may deem corrupt. The Bill proposes that where the Nigerian Bar Association questions the integrity of a judge and his ability to deliver impartial judgments it may pass a two-third vote of no confidence on the judge if the Association is not satisfied with the judges defense. Upon passage of the vote, the judge will be deemed removed.

NO. 24
HB: 1907

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ESTABLISH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TRIBUNALS TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ELECTION PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF CHAIRMEN, VICE-CHAIRMEN AND COUNCILOR: OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 9 and 10 of the Constitution to establish the Local Government Election Tribunals to hear and determine election petitions for the offices of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Councilors of Local Government.

NO. 25
HB: 1924

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO RAISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT TRIBUNAL FROM THREE TO SEVEN; TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATION FROM EACH GEO-POLITICAL ZONES OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to prescribe an increase of the membership of the Code of Conduct Tribunal from three to seven, and to ensure that appointments to membership of the Tribunal reflect federal character, for equitable and balanced representation. And also to enhance the Tribunal's capacity in clearing caseload and pendency of cases.

NO. 26

HB: 2168

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 239 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED), TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF APPEAL TO INCLUDE ELECTION PETITIONS ARISING FROM GOVERNORSHIP AND DEPUTY GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS, TENURE OF GOVERNORS AND DEPUTY GOVERNORS OF STATES, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 239 of the 1999 Constitution to extend Original Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal making it a court of first instance for election petitions from Governorship and Deputy Governorship elections as well as deciding matters in relation to the tenure and vacancy of the office of Governor and Deputy Governor.

NO. 27

HB: 2169

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED), TO GRANT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY POWER TO ALTER ELECTORAL TIMELINES FOR ELECTION TRIBUNALS, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution, by removing timeline for hearing and determination of election petitions and pre-election matters from the Constitution and granting the National Assembly the power to prescribe the said electoral timelines the Electoral Act.

NO. 28

HB: 682

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEAL IN NIGERIA RESPECTIVELY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to amend Sections 230(2) b and 237(2)b of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) by increasing the numbers of the Judges of the Supreme Court from 21 to 45 and judges of Court of Appeal in Nigeria from 49 to 99, respectively.

NO. 29

HB ...

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITION OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND FOR RELATED MATTER.

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution by amending the provisions of Item E (Federal Judicial Service Commission), paragraph 12 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, to review the composition of the members of the commission. The proposed amendment is intended to separate the leadership of the apex courts from direct involvement in the composition and functions of the Commission. It also seeks to promote institutional reforms that enhance transparency, objectivity, and efficiency in the appointment and discipline of federal judicial officers.

NO. 30

HB. 2281

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO EMPOWER THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO FIX AND REVIEW, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL SALARIES, INCOMES AND WAGES COMMISSION, THE SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER EMOLUMENTS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE JUDICIARY, AND FOR RELATED MATTER

This Bill seeks to alter the Third Schedule of the Constitution to expressly empower the National Judicial Council (NJC) to fix and periodically review, in collaboration with the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission, the salaries, allowances, and other payments of judicial officers and staff of the judiciary at both the federal and state levels.

The proposed amendment is aimed at strengthening the independence of the judiciary by ensuring that remuneration and benefits of judicial personnel are determined through a mechanism that reflects the unique nature of judicial service and free from undue political influence

NO. 31

HB. 2280

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO EXPAND THE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT TO INCLUDE ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION, INCLUDING SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION ON THE RIVER NIGER, RIVER BENUE AND THEIR EFFLUENTS, AND ON SUCH OTHER INLAND WATERWAYS AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY AN ACT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS, ALL FEDERAL PORTS, AND CARRIAGE BY SEA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 251(1) of the Constitution to expand the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court to include admiralty matters, including shipping and navigation on the River Niger, River Benue, and their effluents, as well as such other inland waterways

as may be designated by an Act of the National Assembly to be international waterways. The Bill further extends the Court's jurisdiction to cover all matters pertaining to Federal ports—including the constitution, powers, and operations of port authorities—and to matters relating to the carriage of goods and passengers by sea.

NO. 32
HB. 2279

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT TO BE NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED OR SUCH OTHER NUMBER AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY AN ACT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 249(2) (b) the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to review the provision relating to the number of Judges of the Federal High Court by stipulating that the Court shall consist of a number not less than one hundred Judges or such other number as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly. The amendment is intended to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal High Court in the discharge of its constitutional mandate.

NO. 33
HB. 1704

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLETION OF PART-HEARD CASES BY ELEVATED JUDGES AND FOR RELATED MATTER

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for completion of part-heard cases by elevated judges; to ensure efficiency in dispensation of justice and address challenges of abandoned partly-heard cases due to elevation of judges.

C. LEGISLATURE

NO. 34
HB. 33

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION CAP C23, 2004, TO CONFER THE POWER OF PROCLAMATION OF A NEW ASSEMBLY TO THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, RATHER THAN THE EXECUTIVE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 64 and 105 of the Constitution to empower the Clerk of the National Assembly or the House of Assembly, as the case may be to proclaim a new assembly, rather than the President or Governor carrying out such power/duty. The Bill aims to reinforce the independence of the legislature by ensuring that the process of summoning a new Assembly is in the hands of legislative officers rather than the Executive.

NO. 35

HB. 619

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO SPECIFY THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE EXECUTIVE SHALL PRESENT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ANY TREATY BETWEEN THE FEDERATION AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR ENACTMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 12 of the Constitution to specify a timeframe within which the Executive must present to the National Assembly, any treaty entered into by the President, Ministers or any other member of the executive, between Nigeria and any other country, for such treaty to be enacted as an Act.

NO. 36

HB. 1320

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ALTER THE OATH TAKING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS OF STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY IN SECTIONS 52, AND 94 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 52 and 94 of the Constitution to ensure that members of Senate/House of Representatives and House of Assembly cannot be denied or obstructed from taking their Oath of Office, hence the moment a member has received his or her Certificate of Return from INEC, He or She shall automatically be admitted as a member and shall instantly enjoy all rights, privileges, powers and duties of the office.

D. INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

NO. 37

HB. 1383

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC SEATS FOR WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 48 and 49 of the Constitution to provide for specific seats for women in the National and State Houses of Assembly. The following are proposed:

In the Senate: One additional Senator for each State and the Federal Capital Territory, who shall be a woman. In the House of Representatives: Two additional members for each State and the Federal Capital Territory, who shall be women. In the house of assembly: an expansion of members to be 3 or 4 times the number of House of Representatives members, and one member from each senatorial district shall be a woman in the House of Assembly.

**NO. 38
HB. 1931**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL SEATS FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS IN NIGERIA'S FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE HOUSES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 48, 49, 71, 77, 91, 117, and Part II of the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to create special seats for Physically Challenged Persons in the National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly and Local Government Legislative Councils. In both Senate and House of Representatives: one additional member for each of the six Geo-Political zones of the Federation, who shall be a Physically Challenged Person.

**NO. 39
HB. 1189**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC SEATS FOR WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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**NO. 40
HB. 1588**

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE FOR DIVERSITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of Section 147 of the Constitution, to promote inclusion in appointment of ministers by mandating the President to appoint one Minister from each State, who shall be an indigene of such State; and 21% of ministers must be women.

E. SECURITY AND POLICING

NO. 41

HB - 617

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE POLICE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to provide for the alteration of Sections 197, 214 and 215 the Constitution to provide for the establishment of State Police and the transfer of Police as an item under the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List.

F. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

NO. 42

HB. 201

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED), TO CLEARLY SPECIFY TAXES/ LEVIES TO BE COLLECTED BY EACH TIER OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to clearly categorize and classify the taxes and levies collectible by the Federal, State and Local Governments. The proposed amendment aims to eliminate ambiguities in revenue collection and reduce intergovernmental conflicts.

By clearly specifying the tax jurisdictions of the Federal, State, and Local Governments, the Bill seeks to enhance efficiency in revenue generation, improve tax compliance, and foster better coordination in the administration of public finances.

NO. 43

HB. 1310

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO LEAD TO THE DECENTRALIZATION AND GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 44 of the Constitution, to give the Federal Government and State Government; joint control over Natural Resources in Nigeria and within its territories.

The proposed amendment aims to promote equitable resource distribution, and to reduce tensions associated with resource allocation by ensuring that host communities and states have a more direct stake in managing their natural wealth.

NO. 44

HB. 1406

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST OF THE SECOND

SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO INSERT A NEW PARAGRAPH WHICH PROVIDES FOR “ROAD TOLL”

This Bill seeks to alter the Concurrent Legislative List of the Second Schedule to the Constitution, to insert a new paragraph which provides for ‘Road Toll’. This is to enable the National Assembly and the State Houses of Assembly to make laws authorizing the tolling (installation and management of toll gates and tolling systems) of Federal roads and State roads respectively.

NO. 45

HB. 1431

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO MOVE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS OTHER THAN TRUNK A FEDERAL ROADS TO CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

The Bill seeks to alter Part II of the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution to move construction of any roads aside from TRUNK A FEDERAL ROADS to concurrent legislative list and to allow state government and private sectors more power to fund roads rehabilitation and reconstruction.

NO. 46

HB. 1446

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 44 (3) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, CAP C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO GIVE STATE GOVERNMENTS CONTROL OVER ALL MINERALS, MINERAL OILS AND NATURAL GAS IN, UNDER OR UPON ANY LAND OR TERRITORIAL WATERS THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IN NIGERIA, SUBJECT TO THE MANNER OF SUCH CONTROL AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE VARIOUS STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY, WHILE REQUIRING ALL STATES TO REMIT 25% OF REVENUE GENERATED FROM SUCH CONTROL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 44(3) of the Constitution to remove control over all minerals, mineral oils and natural gas in, under or upon any land or territorial waters the Exclusive Economic Zone in Nigeria from the Federal Government to State Government. The Bill further seeks to make provisions requiring all States to remit 25% of revenue generated from such control to the Federal Government Consolidated Account.

NO. 47

HB. 2060

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF TOURISM AND TOURISM-RELATED MATTERS ON THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Part I of the 2nd Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered) to provide for the inclusion of Tourism and Tourism-related matters in the Concurrent Legislative List, bringing it under control of the Federal Government and State Government.

NO. 48
HB. 1412

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO INSERT A NEW ITEM IN THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST WITH RESPECT TO PIRACIES AND CRIMES COMMITTED ON THE HIGH SEAS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Part I of the 2nd Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, to insert a new item in the Exclusive Legislative List with respect to the Piracies and Crimes committed on the high seas. This is to enable the National Assembly to make laws to fight piracies and other crimes committed in the international waters of Nigeria.

NO. 49
HB. 1543

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ACT (NO 24) 1999, (AS AMENDED) TO TRANSFER QUARANTINE FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 7, 162 and Part II of the 2nd Schedule the Constitution to transfer Quarantine from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List, giving the States the power to promptly deal with health challenges requiring Quarantine.

NO. 50
HB: 1918

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 CAP. C23-120 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO TRANSFER THE ITEM DEALING WITH FINGERPRINTS, IDENTIFICATION AND CRIMINAL RECORDS FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (No 24) 1999 (as amended) to transfer the item dealing with Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal records from the Exclusive Legislative List to Concurrent Legislative List, giving the states the power to keep and process criminal records, identification and fingerprints.

NO. 51
HB. 1512

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO MOVE WATER FOR DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, IRRIGATION, POWER, AND OTHER USES TO

THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST, TO ALLOW STATE GOVERNMENTS TO PUT TO SUSTAINABLE USE WATERS WITHIN THEIR STATE MAKE PROVISION FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS TO ACCESS MINES IN THEIR STATES, PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCIAL AUTONOMY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY PRESCRIBING AN INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ACCOUNT AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) to move water for domestic, commercial, industrial, irrigation, power, and other uses to the Concurrent Legislative List, to allow State Governments to put to sustainable use waters within their State, make provision for State Governments to access mines in their States.

The Bill also seeks to provide for the financial autonomy of Local Government Councils by prescribing an independent consolidated Local Government Council account and for related matters.

G. STRENGTHENING OF INSTITUTIONS

NO. 52

HB. 188

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EACH STATE OF THE FEDERATION AND FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA THE OPPORTUNITY OF ONE PERSON REPRESENTATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the 2nd Schedule of the Constitution to increase the number of members of the Federal Civil Service Commission thereby giving each state of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja the opportunity of one person representation.

NO. 53

HB. 770

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP.23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO MANDATE ALL GOVERNMENT STATUTORY CORPORATIONS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, AGENCIES INCLUDING ALL PERSONS AND BODIES ESTABLISHED BY LAW TO SUBMIT YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 85 and 125 of the Constitution to mandate all government statutory corporations, commissions, authorities, agencies including all persons and bodies established by Law, both at federal and state level to submit yearly financial statements to the Auditor General within 90 to 180 days of the new financial year.

NO. 54

HB: 1141

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY AND REGULATE THE ISSUANCE OF WAIVERS ON THE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS IN APPOINTMENTS AND RECRUITMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, PUBLIC COMPANIES, OR CORPORATIONS, EXCEPT FOR RECRUITMENT OR APPOINTMENT OF LESS THAN 25 PERSONS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Part I of the 3rd Schedule, Section 8 of the Constitution to enhance transparency and accountability in the issuance of waivers exempting compliance with the Federal Character principle in appointments and recruitments within the public service, public companies, or corporations. The Bill proposes a new sub-section (1) (e) which states that waivers can only be issued for appointments or recruitments involving fewer than 25 persons.

NO. 55

HB. 1144

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION AND THE AUDITOR-GENERAL OF A STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter sections 85(5) and 125 (5) of the Constitution to promote the timely publication of the Auditor-General's reports at both the federal and state levels. By making these reports readily accessible to the public within 60 days as against the current position of 90 days. The Bill aims to empower citizens with critical information on the management of public funds, enhance oversight, and strengthen trust in public institutions.

NO. 56

HB. 1694

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD FOR THE LAYING OF ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATES BEFORE THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

The Bill seeks to alter sections 81 and 121 the Constitution to specify the period upon which national and state budgets shall be laid before the National and State Houses of Assemblies (at least 60 days before the end of the preceding financial year).

NO. 57

HB. 1697

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATING THE OFFICES OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION, ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF A STATE FROM THE

OFFICES OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF A STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

The Bill seeks to alter sections 150(1) and 195(1) of the Constitution to provide for separating the offices of the Attorney-General of the Federation, Attorney-General of a State from the offices of Minister of the federal government and Commissioner for Justice of a State respectively; to enhance efficiency in the dispensation of criminal justice, safeguard public interest and to deter abuse of legal process in public prosecutions at both the federal and the States levels.

NO. 58

HB. 2058

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY PERIODIC CONDUCT OF POPULATION CENSUS; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter section 213 and Part I of the 3rd Schedule, item J of the Constitution to provide for the conduct of population census every ten years after the publication by the President of a population census report.

NO. 59

HB. 2175

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REMOVE TRANSITIONAL LAW-MAKING POWERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter section 315 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to remove transitional law-making powers from the Executive Arm of Government

NO. 60

HB. 1783

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED), TO MAKE PROVISION FOR CAPITAL TERRITORY (FCT) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 48, 49, 90 to 111 and 299 of the Constitution of The Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to make provisions for the establishment of a House of Assembly for the Federal Capital Territory.

NO. 61

HB. 2170

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 91 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, BY DELETING THE WORDS “OR FOUR” TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY AND TO ELIMINATE AMBIGUITY IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE SECTION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to amend Section 91 the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, by deleting the words “or four” to provide for uniform standards for determining the composition of the State Houses of Assembly and to eliminate ambiguity in the interpretation of the section.

NO. 62

HB: 204

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (WITH ALTERATIONS) IN ORDER TO GRANT TO THE TWO CHAMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND STATES' HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY, POWERS TO SUMMON THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND GOVERNORS OF STATES RESPECTIVELY, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ISSUES OF NATIONAL SECURITY OR ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER, OVER WHICH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND STATES' HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY, HAVE POWERS TO MAKE LAWS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 67(3) and 107 (3) Constitution in order to grant to the two Chambers of the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, powers to summon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governors of States respectively, to answer questions on issues of national security or any matter whatsoever, over which the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, have powers to make laws.

NO. 63

HB: 928

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF ONE PERSON TO REPRESENT EACH OF THE STATES OF THE FEDERATION AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA IN THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 153 (1) (d) and Paragraph 10 (b), Part I of the 3rd Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to provide for the inclusion of one person to represent each of the States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja in the Federal Civil Service Commission.

NO. 64

HB: 1115

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP C.23 OF LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AND THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AS HEAD OF STATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A FRAMEWORK FOR THE MODE OF ELECTION TO THE SAID OFFICES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter sections 130, 132, 135, 147 and 148 of the Constitution to provide for the office of the Prime Minister as Head of government and the office of the

President as Head of State, and to provide for a framework for the mode of election to the said offices.

H. TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

NO. 65

HB: 203

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE ROLES FOR TRADITIONAL RULERS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of Section 220 of the Constitution to formally recognize and establish the roles and functions of traditional rulers within the country's governance framework. By defining their constitutional responsibilities, the Bill aims to harness the cultural, historical, and leadership significance of traditional institutions to complement modern governance, promote peace and conflict resolution, and foster socio-economic development at the grassroots.

I. FISCAL REFORMS

NO. 66

HB: 695

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION AND THE AUDITOR-GENERAL OF A STATE

This Bill seeks to alter sections 85, 125 of the Constitution to promote transparency and citizens participation in Governance through the publication of reports of the Auditor-General of the Federation and that of a state.

NO. 67

HB: 964

A Bill For An Act To Further Alter The Constitution Of The Federal Republic Of Nigeria To Provide For The Designation Of Special Account Into Which All Borrowed Funds Credits Or Grants Advanced To Federal Government Shall Be Paid Into And For Related Matters

This bill seeks to alter section 80 of the Constitution to provide for the designation of a special account for borrowed funds, credits and grants and the publication of detailed progress reports on the implementation of projects financed by funds other than revenues of the Federal Government.

J. CITIZENSHIP

NO. 68

HB: 2059

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO INCLUDE CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT AS ONE OF THE CLASSES OF CITIZENSHIP IN NIGERIA;

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NIGERIAN CITIZENSHIP BY QUALIFIED FOREIGN INVESTORS WHO MEET SPECIFIED INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter section 28 of the Constitution to introduce a new class of citizenship known as Citizenship by Investment. The proposed alteration aims to attract foreign direct investment by granting Nigerian citizenship to individuals who invest in the Nigerian economy above a specified financial threshold or in strategic sectors critical to national development.

NO. 69

HB. 1195

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO GRANT CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS TO SPOUSES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of sections 26, 26, 42 and 223 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to grant citizenship rights to men who marry women from Nigeria

NO. 70

HB: 2057

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS ALTERED) TO GUARANTEE INDIGENE STATUS TO PERSONS BY REASON OF BIRTH OR CONTINUED RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN TEN YEARS OR BY REASON OF MARRIAGE; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Sections 31 and 318 of the Constitution to guarantee indigene status in any State in Nigeria to persons by reason of birth or continued residence for a period not less than ten years or by reason of marriage.

NO. 71

HB: 1422

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO GRANT CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS TO SPOUSES OF WOMEN FROM NIGERIA, SPECIFY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN THAT MAY BE APPOINTED INTO SPECIFIC OFFICES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter sections 26, 26, 42 and 223 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to grant citizenship rights to men who marry women from Nigeria.

K. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

NO. 72

HB: 1409

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 AND INSERT A NEW SUBSECTION WHICH PROVIDES THAT IF A

WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, THE COURT SHALL SENTENCE HER TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT INSTEAD OF DEATH SENTENCE

This Bill seeks to alter Section 33 which provides for Right to Life in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to insert a subsection which provides that if a woman who is pregnant is convicted of an offence punishable by death, the court shall sentence her to life imprisonment instead of death sentence.

NO. 73

HB: 1194

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 BY DEFINING ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE TORTURE, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 34 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for a definition of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment to include parading persons arrested by the police or any other law enforcement agency in the public.

NO. 74

HB: 1197

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO REGULATE THE APPLICATION OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES RATIFIED BY NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Section 12 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to regulate the application of regional and international human rights treaties ratified by Nigeria.

L. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NO. 75

HB: 1314

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, TO SUBSTITUTE THE NAMES "OKPE" AND "SAPELE" WITH "OKPE EAST" AND "OKPE WEST" RESPECTIVELY IN PART I, FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to rename and clearly delineate the areas referred to as "Okpe" and "Sapele" in Part I of the First Schedule. The substitution with "Okpe East" and "Okpe West" is to ensure alignment with the aspirations and identity of the people within these regions.

NO. 76

HB: 1482

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, TO REFLECT THE

PROPER NAME OF IBADAN NORTH-EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF OYO STATE, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Part I of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to correctly reflect the proper and official name of Ibadan North-East Local Government Area of Oyo State. The amendment is intended to eliminate any ambiguity, ensure administrative accuracy, and align the constitutional reference with the officially recognized designation of the local government area.

NO. 77

HB: 1522

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF EKET AND ESIT-EKET IN PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, to effect the change of names of "Eket" and "Esit-Eket" as reflected in Part I of the First Schedule. The alteration aims to ensure accuracy in the designation of these areas, promote administrative precision, and align the constitutional references with the current and officially recognized names of these locations.

NO. 78

HB: 1523

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF IBENO IN PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, to reflect the change of name for "Ibenu" as stated in Part I of the First Schedule. The amendment is intended to address concerns regarding proper nomenclature, ensure administrative accuracy, and align the constitutional reference with the officially recognized name of the area.

NO. 79

HB: 1669

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS IN EBONYI STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create additional Local Government Areas in Ebonyi State. The new Local Government Areas to be created are Ikwo North and Ikwo South from the existing Ikwo Local Government Area, and Igbeagu from the existing Izzi Local Government Area. This amendment aims to enhance administrative efficiency and bring the government closer to the people in these areas.

NO. 80

HB: 1524

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF UTURU-CHIEZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA IN ABIA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to provide for the creation of Uturu-Chieze Local Government Area in Abia State. The proposed alteration aims to enhance grassroots governance, improve administrative efficiency, and promote equitable development in the affected region. By recognizing Uturu-Chieze as a distinct local government area, this Bill seeks to bring governance closer to the people, ensure better service delivery, and address the developmental aspirations of the residents.

NO. 81

HB: 1498

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED), TO ACCOMMODATE THE THIRTY-SEVEN (37) DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCILS OF LAGOS STATE AS FULLFLEDGED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS IN LAGOS STATE TO FIFTYSEVEN (57) AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS IN THE FEDERATION TO EIGHT HUNDRED AND ELEVEN (811), AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter part 1 of the 1st Schedule the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to provide for the recognition and operationalization of the thirty-seven (37) Development Area Councils in Lagos State as full-fledged Local Government Areas (LGAs). This alteration is aimed at increasing the number of Local Government Areas in Lagos State to fifty-seven (57).

NO. 82

HB: 1614

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 TO REFLECT THE PROPER NAME OF JABA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF KADUNA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter Part I of the 1st Schedule the Constitution to reflect the proper name of Jaba Local Government Area as Ham Local Government Area in Kaduna State.

NO. 83

HB: 2121

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REVIEW THE FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, ESTABLISH A ROBUST LEGAL REGIME TO STRENGTHEN ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY, PROMOTE

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DEEPEN DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to establish Local Government as a tier of government and guarantee their democratic existence, with a four year tenure. The Bill also proposes to abolish the State Joint Local Government Accounts. Instead, it proposes creating a special account where all funds allocated to Local Government Councils directly from both the Federation Account and the State Government will be deposited.

NO. 84

HB: 1117

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO REVIEW THE MEANS OF ELECTION INTO THE OFFICES OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of section 7 of the Constitution, to review the means of election into the offices of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Local Government Councils in Nigeria. The bill is introducing a new sub-section 7A to 7C that proposes for the Local Government leadership to be nominated and voted into office by the members of its legislative council.

NO. 85

HB: 2288

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INDEPENDENCE, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITORS-GENERAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AREA COUNCILS, TO STRENGTHEN FISCAL OVERSIGHT, PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ENHANCE GOOD GOVERNANCE AT THE GRASSROOTS; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of Section 127 of the Constitution to establish a separate office of Auditor General of State different from the one established by Section 125. This Auditor General shall be saddled strictly with the duty to audit the accounts of all the local governments in the particular state, while the Auditor General under Section 125 will audit the account of the State Government.

NO. 86

HB: 2122

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING, CONDUCTING, AND SUPERVISING ELECTIONS INTO THE OFFICES OF CHAIRMEN AND COUNCILORS OF

ALL THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE FEDERATION, INCLUDING THE AREA COUNCILS OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY; TO ENSURE THE CREDIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND FAIRNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

This Bill seeks to alter section 153 and the 3rd schedule of the Constitution. To establish the National Local Government Electoral Commission as an independent body responsible for organizing, conducting, and supervising elections into the offices of Chairmen and Councilors of all the Local Governments across the Federation, including the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory. The Commission shall ensure the credibility, transparency, and fairness of local government elections and promote democratic governance at the grassroots level.

M. MEMOS FOR CREATION OF STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The Committee received Memoranda from traditional institutions, civil societies and various interest groups for creation of additional States and Local Governments. A total of 46 applications were received for the creation of new states and 117 Memos for the creation of new local government areas across the 36 states in Nigeria. These applications are hereby listed below according to their geopolitical zones.

GEOPOLITICAL ZONES	NAME OF STATE	PROPOSED STATE
North East Geopolitical Zone:		
1.	Borno State	Savannah State
2.	Taraba State	Kwararafa State
3.	Bauchi State	Katagum State
4.	Adamawa State	Amana State
5.	Taraba State	South Sardauna State
6.	Taraba State	Muri State
North West Geopolitical Zone:		
7.	Kaduna State	Gurara State
8.	Kaduna State	New Kaduna State
9.	Jigawa State	Hadejia State
10.	Sokoto State	Gobir State
11.	Kebbi & Niger State	Kainji State
12.	Kano State	Tiga State
13.	Kano State	Ghari State

North Central Geopolitical Zone:		
14.	Niger State	Edu State
15.	Kogi State	Okun State
16.	Plateau State	South Plateau State
17.	Plateau State	Lowland State
18.	Kogi, Nasarawa & Edo States	New Kogi State
19.	Plateau State	Plateau State
20.	Kwara State	Ifesowapo State
21.	Federal Capital Territory	Abuja State
22.	Kogi State	Okura State
23.	Benue State	Apa State
24.	Benue State	Apa-Agba State
25.	Benue State	Ayatutu(Benue Ala) State
South East Geopolitical Zone:		
26.	Anambra, Imo & Rivers States	Orashi State
27.	South East Geopolitical zone	Orlu State

28.	South East Geopolitical zone	Anioma State
29.	South East Geopolitical zone	Etiti State
30.	South East Geopolitical zone	Aba State
31.	Enugu State	Adada State
South-South Geopolitical Zone:		
32.	Rivers State	Atlantic City State
33.	Rivers State	Bori State
34.	Rivers State	Iwuroha State
35.	Akwa Ibom & Rivers State	Obolo State
36.	Delta State	Warri State
37.	Delta, Edo & Ondo State	Toru-Ebe State
38.	Cross-River State	Ogoja State
South West Geopolitical Zone:		
39.	Ogun State	Ijebu State
40.	Osun, Kwara, & Ekiti States	Igbomina State

41.	Oyo State	Oke-Ogun State
42.	Oyo State	Ibadan State
43.	Oyo States	New Oyo State
44.	Osun, Ondo & Ekiti States	Ife-Ijesha State
45.	Ogun State	Remo State
46.	Lagos State & Ogun State	Lagoon State

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS	NAME OF STATE	PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AREA
1.	Lagos & Ogun State	Isheri Olofin Mole
2.	Proposed Amana State (Out of Adamawa State)	UBA Emirate

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NORTH EAST GEOPOLITICAL ZONE			
S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Adamawa State	Demsa LGA	Bidoma LGA
2	Adamawa State	Demsa, Girei & Numan LGA	Borrong LGA

3	Adamawa State	Fufore LGA	Yadim LGA
4	Adamawa State	Ganye LGA	Gurum LGA
5	Adamawa State	Lamurde LGA	Giyawana LGA
6	Adamawa State	Lamurde LGA	Suwa-Waduku LGA
7	Adamawa State	Mayo-Belwa LGA	Tola LGA
8	Adamawa State	Michika LGA	Michika South LGA
9	Adamawa State	Numan LGA	Vulpi LGA
10	Adamawa State	Song LGA	Dumne LGA
11	Bauchi state	Bogoro LGA	Boi-Tapshin LGA
12	Borno State	Bama LGA	Banki LGA
13	Borno State	Bama LGA	Damajamal
14	Borno State	Bama LGA	Gulumba LGA
15	Borno State	Bama LGA	Soye LGA
16	Borno State	Bama LGA	Woloji LGA
17	Gombe State	Balanga LGA	Cham LGA
18	Gombe State	Balanga LGA	Dadiya LGA
19	Gombe State	Kaltungo LGA	Tula LGA
20	Yobe State	Fika LGA	Gudi LGA

21	Yobe State	Fune LGA	Jajere LGA
22	Yobe State	Fika LGA	Daya LGA
NORTH WEST GEOPOLITICAL ZONE			
S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Jigawa State	Auyo LGA	Ayama LGA
2	Jigawa State	Birniwa LGA	Diginsa LGA
3	Jigawa State	Birniwa LGA	Karanga LGA
4	Jigawa State	Guaram LGA	Fagam LGA
5	Jigawa State	Guru LGA	Kadira LGA
6	Jigawa State	Kafin-Hausa LGA	Bulangu LGA
7	Jigawa State	Kafin-Hausa LGA	Sarawa LGA
8	Jigawa State	Kaugama LGA	Dakaiyawa LGA
9	Jigawa State	Kaugama LGA	Jarkasa LGA
10	Jigawa State	Kirikasamma LGA	Fadama LGA
11	Jigawa State	Malam Madori LGA	Biram LGA
12	Kaduna State	Lere LGA	Piriga LGA

13	Katsina State	Kaita LGA	Dankama LGA
14	Zamfara State	Zurmi LGA	Moriki LGA

NORTH CENTRAL GEOPOLITICAL ZONE			
S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Benue State	Guma LGA	Agasha
2	Benue State	Guma LGA	Nzorov
3	Benue State	Guma LGA	Saghev
4	Benue State	Ogbadigbo LGA	Orokam
5	Benue State	Oju LGA	Otakom
6	Benue State	Vandeikya LGA	Sambe
7	Kogi State	Ankpa, Bassa, Dekina, Ibaji, Idah Igalamela/Odolu, Ofu, Olamaboro and Omala LGAs	Itobe, Olla, Igalogba, Odane, Biraidu, Okura, Gboloko, Mozum, Ojoku, Enjema, Odolu, Imane, Ibaji East and Ogugu
8	Kogi State	Yagba West LGA	EGBE LGA
9	Kwara State	Ifelodun LGA	Ifedapo, Kajola & Isokan

10	Kwara State	Baruten LGA	Gwanara
11	Nasarawa State	Akwanga, Awe, Doma, Karu, Keana, Kokona, Lafia, Nasarawa, Nasarawa/eggon, Obi, Toto, and Wamba LGAs	Akwanga West, Azara, Ekye, Karshi, Panda, Giza, Agwada, Lafia east, Lafia north, Loko, Udege, Agidi, Akun, Jenkwe, Gadabuke and Farin Ruwa LGAs
12	Nasarawa State	Lafia LGA	Assakio
13	Niger State	Gurara LGA	Diko
14	Niger State	Gurara LGA	Diko LGA
15	Plateau State	Barkin-Ladi LGA	Kakakena
16	Plateau State	Bokkos LGA	Daffo
17	Plateau State	Kwande LGA	Kwande East
18	Plateau State	Mangu LGA	Gindiri
19	Plateau state	Quaan-Pan LGA	Quaan
20	Plateau State	Riyom LGA	Ganawuri
21	Plateau State	Wase LGA	Lamba
SOUTH EAST GEOPOLITICAL ZONE			
S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Abia State	Ohafia LGA	Abiriba LGA
2	Abia State	Bende LGA	Bende North

3	Anambra	Ogbaru and Idemili North LGAs	Obosi West, South & East LGAs
4	Ebonyi State	Abakaliki LGA	Ekumenyi
5	Ebonyi State	Abakiliki LGA	Okpuitumo
6	Ebonyi State	Ebonyi LGA	Ozibo
7	Ebonyi State	Ezza LGA	Izzikworo
8	Ebonyi State	Ezza North LGA	Imoha
9	Ebonyi State	Ikwo LGA	Ikwo South and North
10	Ebonyi State	Ishielu LGA	Ishielu South
11	Ebonyi State	Izzi LGA	Ebyia
12	Ebonyi state	Izzi LGA	Igbeagu
13	Ebonyi State	Izzi LGA	Nnodo
14	Ebonyi State	Ohaozara LGA	Ohaozara East & South
15	Ebonyi State	Ohaukwu LGA	Effium
16	Ebonyi State	Onicha LGA	Oshiri-ukaba
17	Imo State	Aboh-Mbaise LGA	Oke ovoro
18	Imo State	Ahiazu Mbaise LGA	Ekwerazu
19	Imo state	Ezinihitte LGA	Ezinihitte North

20	Imo State	Ikeduru LGA	Ikeduru East, West & Central
21	Imo State	Mbaitoli LGA	Mbaitoli South & East
22	Imo State	Ngor Okpala LGA	Ngor Okpala Central
23	Imo State	Ngor Okpala LGA	Ngor Okpala North
24	Imo State	Ngor Okpala LGA	Ngor Okpala South

SOUTH WEST GEOPOLITICAL ZONE

S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Ekiti State	Ijero LGA	Eso-Obe
2	Ekiti State	Aiyekire LGA	Gbonyin LGA
3	Ekiti State	Aiyekire LGA	Omolore LGA
4	Ogun State	Ado-Odo/Otta LGA	Otta Northwest and other LGAs
5	Ogun State	Sagamu LGA	Ogijo LGA
6	Ogun State	Ijebu North LGA	Ijebu North Central LGA
7	Ogun State	Remo North LGA	Orile-Okoko LGA
8	Osun State	Ifelodun & Odo-otin LGA	Binukonu
9	Osun State	Ijero LGA	Ijero Municipal LGA

10	Osun State	Olorunda LGA	Ire-Akari LGA
11	Osun State	Osogbo & Olorunda LGA	Osogbo, Osogbo East & Ors LGAs
12	Oyo State	Saki East LGA	Ifelaju LGA

SOUTH-SOUTH GEOPOLITICAL ZONE

S/N	STATE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
1	Bayelsa State	Brass LGA	Akassa LGA
2	Bayelsa State	Brass LGA	Kaiko/Ibe-Awo LGA
3	Bayelsa State	Ekeremor LGA	Aleibiri LGA
4	Bayelsa State	Membe LGA	Mini-Ikensi/ Oluasiri LGA
5	Bayelsa State	Membe LGA	Okoroma/tereke LGA
6	Bayelsa State	Ogibia LGA	Ogbia North LGA
7	Bayelsa State	Ogibia LGA	Ogbia West LGA
8	Bayelsa State	Sagbama LGA	Mein/oyiakiri LGA
9	Bayelsa State	Sagbama LGA	Toru abubo LGA
10	Bayelsa State	Southern Ijaw LGA	Bomo & 2 other LGAs
11	Bayelsa State	Yanagoa LGA	Gbarain/ekpetiama LGA

12	Bayelsa State		Alabini, Kolo Creek & Ors LGAs
13	Cross-River State	Ogoja LGA	Mbube LGA
14	Delta State	Ughelli South LGA	Ughievwen LGA
15	Edo State	Orhionmwon LGA	NosaiboLGA
16	Edo State	Orhionmwon LGA	Orhionmwon East LGA
17	Edo State	Orhionmwon LGA	Orhionmwon South LGA
18	Edo State	Uhumwonde LGA	Akugbe LGA
19	Edo State	Akoko-Edo LGA	Akoko-Edo North, South, & Central LGA
20	Rivers State	Andoni LGA	Ataba LGA
21	Rivers State	Bonny LGA	Abaji-Toru LGA
22	Rivers State	Obio/Akpor LGA	Obio LGA
23	Rivers State	Obio/Akpor LGA	Akpor LGA
24	Rivers State	Obio/Akpor LGA	Evo LGA

