

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO ALLOW FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDACY IN ANY ELECTIVE OFFICE IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1           **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Alteration of  
2 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act") is altered as set out below. the 1999  
Constitution

3           **2.** Section 65 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the phrase Alteration of  
4 "and" immediately the semi-colon in section 65(2)(a) and introduce a semi- Section 65  
5 colon immediately after the phrase "party" in section 65(2)(b), and  
6 introduce new section 65(2)(c) as follows:  
7 "(c) he present himself as an independent candidate"

8           **3.** Section 106 of the Principal Act is altered by deleting the phrase Alteration of  
9 "and" immediately the semi-colon in section 106(c) and introduce a semi- Section 106  
10 colon immediately after the phrase "parts" in section 106(d), and introduce  
11 new section 106(e) as follows:  
12 "(d) he present himself as an independent candidate".

13           **4.** Section 130 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the Alteration of  
14 subsisting section 130(d), a new section 130( d), the subsisting (d) becomes Section 106  
15 new (e) as follows:

16 "(d) he present himself as an independent candidate; and"

17           **5.** Section 177 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the Alteration to  
18 subsisting section 177(d), a new section 177(c), the subsisting (c) becomes substitution of  
Section 117  
19 new (d) as follows:

Citation            1                    7. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic  
                         2                    of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to allow for a private candidate to stand for an elective position in Nigeria not being sponsored by any of the registered political party.