

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTORAL ACT NO.6 OF 2010 (AS AMENDED) TO EMPOWER THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO VERIFY THE GENUINENESS OF THE CREDENTIAL CANDIDATES OF AN ELECTION BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Saeed Abdullahi

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (as amended) (in this bill Amendment of
2 referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. the Principal Act

3 2. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the Amendment of
4 existing subsection "(3)" for new subsection "(3)": Section 31

5 “(3) The Commission shall, within 7 days of the receipt of the
6 personal particulars of the candidate, verify the genuineness of the
7 credentials of the candidate to the election, before publishing same in the
8 constituency where the candidate intends to contest the election.”

9 3. This Bill may be cited as the Electoral Act No. 6 of 2010 Citation
10 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act No.6 of 2010 (as amended) to empower the Independent National Electoral Commission to verify the genuineness of the credentials of political candidates of an election before the general elections.