

CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (FIFTH ALTERATION) ACT, 2020

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act provides for the expansion of the time for elections to the National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly, the office of President, and office of Governor, and amendment of the time for the determination of pre-election matters so as to provide sufficient time for the conduct of party primaries and final determination of pre-election matters by the courts prior to the election day.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Sections:

1. Alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999
2. Alteration of section 76
3. Alteration of section 116
4. Alteration of section 132
5. Alteration of section 178
6. Alteration of section 285
7. Citation

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A Bill

For

An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to expand the time for preparation of elections and abridge the time for the determination of pre-election matters and other related issues

Sponsor: Senator Ovie Omo-Agege

[] Commencement

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

Alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Act referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out under this Act.

Alteration of Section 76

2. Section 76 of the Principal Act is further altered in subsection 2 by substituting for the words “not earlier than one hundred and fifty days and not later than thirty days before” in lines 2 and 3, the words, “**not earlier than three hundred days and not later than 90 days before**”.

Alteration of Section 116

3. Section 116 of the Principal Act is further altered in subsection 2 by substituting for the words “not earlier than one hundred and fifty days and not later than thirty days before” in lines 2 and 3, the words, “**not earlier than three hundred days and forty days and not later than 90 days before**”.

Alteration of Section 132

4. Section 132 of the Principal Act is further altered in subsection 2 by substituting for the words “not earlier than one hundred and fifty days and not later than thirty days before” in lines 2 and 3, the words, “**not earlier than three hundred days and not later than 90 days before**”.

Alteration of Section 178

5. Section 178 of the Principal Act is further altered in subsection 2 by substituting for the words “not earlier than one hundred and fifty days and not later than thirty days before” in lines 2 and 3, the words, “**not earlier than three hundred days and not later than 90 days before**”.

Citation

6. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Act, 2020