

CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (FOURTH ALTERATION, NO. 9) ACT, 2017

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act alters the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties.

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Arrangement of Sections

Section :

1. Alteration of the Constitution, 1999.
2. Alteration of section 134.
3. Alteration of section 179.
4. Insertion of section 225A.
5. Citation.

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A Bill

For

An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties; and for related matters.

{ } Commencement.

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

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

2. Section 134 of the Principal Act is altered - Alteration of section 134.
 - (a) in subsection (4), by substituting for the word, "seven", in line 2, the words, "twenty-one"; and
 - (b) in subsection (5), by substituting the word, "seven", in line 2, the words, "twenty-one".

3. Section 179 of the Principal Act is altered- Alteration of Section 179.
 - (a) in subsection (4), by substituting for the word, "seven" in line 2, the words, "twenty-one"; and
 - (b) in subsection (5), by substituting for the word, "seven" in line 2, the words, "twenty-one".

4. Insert, after section 225, a new section "225A" - Insertion of section 225A.

"De-registration of political party

225A. The Independent National Electoral Commission shall have power to de-register a political party for -

 - (a) breach of any of the requirements for registration;
 - (b) failure to win at least twenty-five percent of votes cast in -
 - (i) one State of the Federation in a Presidential election;
 - or

(ii) one Local Government of the State in a Governorship election.

(c) failure to win at least-

(i) one ward in the Chairmanship election;

(ii) one seat in the National or State House of Assembly election; or

(iii) one seat in the Councillorship election.”

5. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration, No. 9) Act, 2017. Citation.

I, CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THIS BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

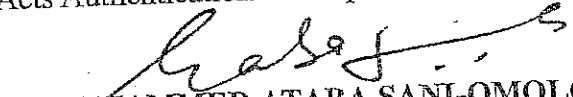

MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

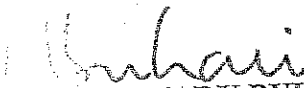
4th DAY OF MAY, 2018

Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration, No. 9) Bill, 2017

SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration, No. 9) Bill, 2017	An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties; and for related matters.	This Bill alters the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with sufficient time to conduct bye-elections and provide grounds for de-registration of political parties.	26 th July, 2017	3 rd October, 2017

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.


MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
 Clerk to the National Assembly
 4th Day of May, 2018


MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
 President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 1 Day of May, 2018

I ASSENT

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