

QUICK FACTS ON THE SPECIAL SEATS BILL

BILL TITLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR SEAT RESERVATION FOR WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB 1349)

OBJECTIVES

Bill seeks to alter the 1999 Constitution to create **additional seats for women** in the National and State Houses of Assembly to address the low number of women in the legislature

CURRENT STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATURE

Senate	4
House of Representatives	16
State HouseS of Assembly	54



3 KEY FEATURES

SENATE

Creation of additional 37 Senate seats for women (one from each State of the Federation and the FCT)

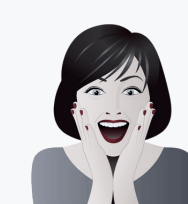
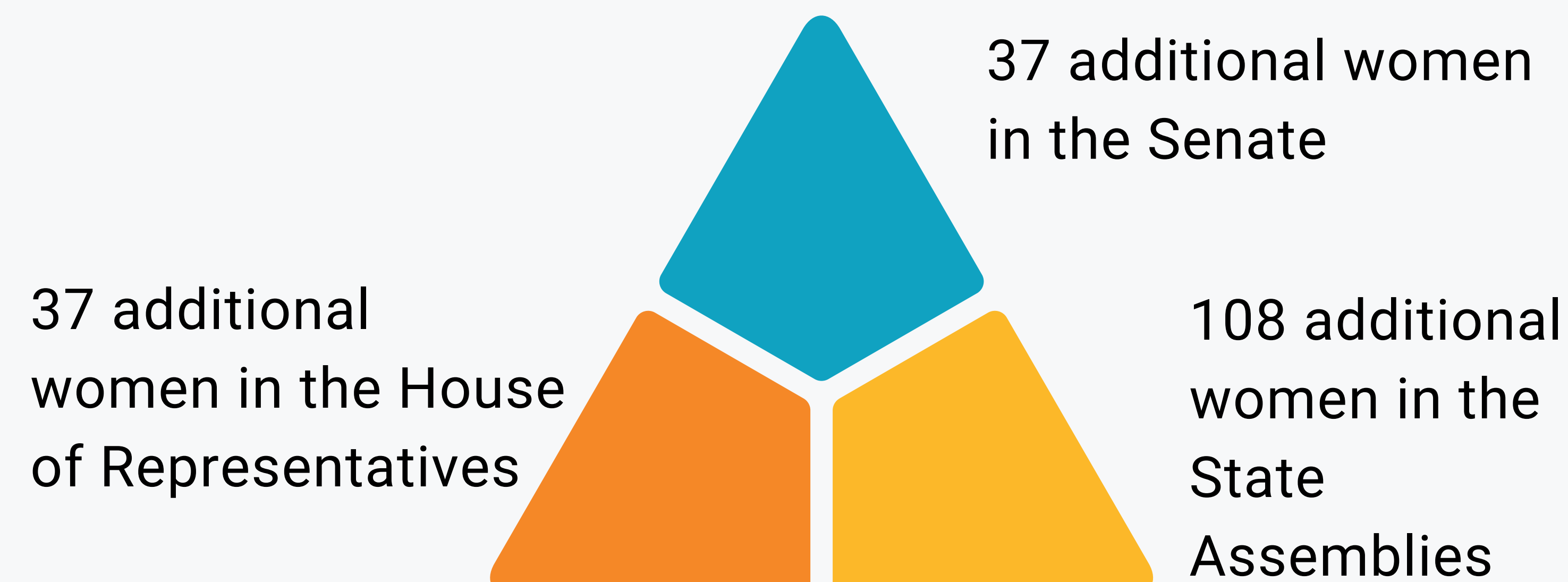
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Creation of additional 37 House of Representatives seats for women (one from each State of the Federation and the FCT)

STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY

Creation of additional 3 State House of Assembly seats for women (one seat from each Senatorial district of the State)

IMPLICATIONS



TOTAL OF 182 WOMEN LEGISLATORS IN NIGERIA

NOTE

01

Additional Seats not to stop women from contesting for existing 109 + 360 seats

02

New seats do not confer a superior or inferior status on the occupants

03

Every political party will nominate its female candidate to contest this seat

04

The women will campaign and be voted for by the electorate

TEMPORARY SPECIAL MEASURE

After 16years or four election cycles

• REVIEW OR • REMOVAL

RESERVED SEAT FOR WOMEN IS A GOOD PRACTICE FOR ELECTING WOMEN SUCCESSFULLY USED IN:

• KENYA

• UGANDA

• RWANDA

• TANZANIA

• SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES

STEPS NEEDED FOR PASSAGE

ADOPTION BY:

