

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2026 to make Express prohibition of Dual Party Membership and Provide Penalties for Contravention; and for Related Matters. (HB.2728)

PROVISIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT	PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-	
<p>1. Establishment of Independent National Electoral Commission 1. (1) The Independent National Electoral Commission as established by section 153 of the Constitution (in this Act referred to as “the Commission”) —</p>	<p>1. Amendment of the Electoral Act, 2026 The Electoral Act, 2026 (in this Bill referred as “the Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Bill.</p>	<i>Retained</i>
<p>2. Political Parties to be Bodies Corporate 77(1) A political party registered under this Act shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name. (2) A party shall maintain a digital register of its members containing the name, sex, date of birth, address, State, Local Government, ward, polling unit, National Identification Number and photograph in both hard and soft copies.</p>	<p>2. Amendment of section 77 Section 77 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (7), new subsections “(8)” –“(10)” – “(8) A person shall not be registered as a member of more than one political party at the same time. (9) Where it is established that a person is registered as a member of more than one political party at the</p>	<i>2. Political Parties to be Bodies Corporate</i> <i>Retained</i>

<p>(3) Upon registration, a membership card shall be issued to the member.</p> <p>(4) Each political party shall make such register available to the Commission not later than 21 days before the date fixed for the party primaries, congresses or conventions.</p> <p>(5) Only members whose names are contained in the register shall be eligible to vote and be voted for in party primaries, congresses and conventions.</p> <p>(6) A political party shall not use any other register for party primaries, congresses and conventions except the register submitted to the Commission.</p> <p>(7) A party that fails to submit the membership register within the stipulated time shall not be eligible to field a candidate for that election.</p>	<p>same time, such dual membership shall be void, and the person shall cease to be recognised as a valid member of any political party pending regularization in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the constitution of the political party concerned.</p> <p>(10) A person who knowingly registers or maintains membership in more than one political party at the same time commits an offence is liable on conviction to a fine of N10,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of two years, or both.”</p>	<p><i>“(8) A person shall not be registered as a member of more than one political party at the same time.</i></p> <p><i>(9) Where it is established that a person is registered as a member of more than one political party at the same time, such dual membership shall be void, and the person shall cease to be</i></p>
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	<p>3. Citation This Bill may be cited as the Electoral (Amendment) Bill, 2026</p>	<p><i>Retained</i></p>