



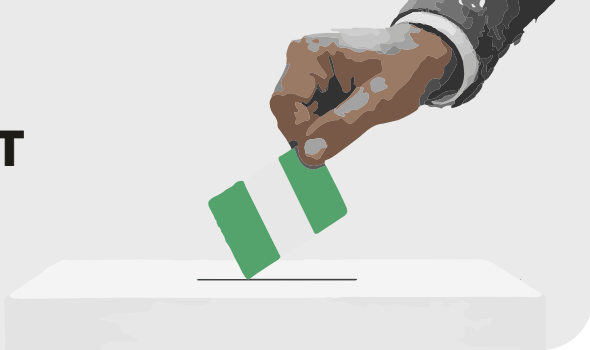
# **ELECTORAL ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024**



# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to make further provisions for inclusion of persons with disabilities in the electoral process and for related matters.

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## ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

### **Clause:**

- Amendment of the Electoral Act 2022
- Amendment of Section 2 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 3 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 6 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 10 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 25 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 28 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 54 of the Principal Act
- Amendment of Section 66 of the Principal Act
- Citation

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## A BILL FOR

**An Act to amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to make further provisions for inclusion of persons with disabilities in the electoral process and for related matters.**

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

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The Electoral Act 2022 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out under this Bill.

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Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing paragraph “(c)”, new paragraphs “(d)” and “(e)” as follows:

“(d)” ensure that voting procedures, facilities, and materials are appropriate, accessible and easy to understand and use; and

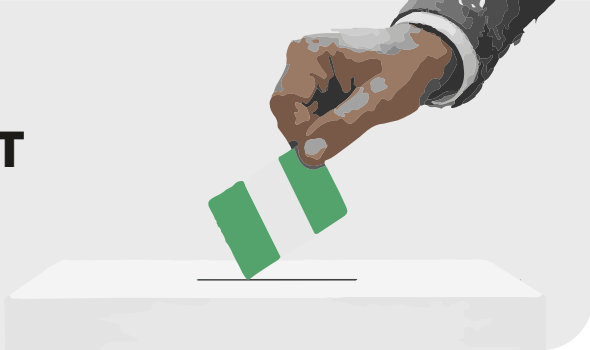
“(e)” protect the right of persons with disabilities to vote by secret ballot in elections and public referendums without intimidation and undue difficulty by providing appropriate technologies.

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Section of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection 2(c), a new paragraph “(d)” -

“(d) foster the inclusion and enabling environment for participation for all, including persons with disabilities, in the electoral process.”

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Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (1) a new subsection '(1A)' as follows -

“(1A) Such offices of the Commission shall be accessible to all, including persons with disabilities.”

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Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (2) a new subsection (2A) as follows -

“(2A) Every continuous voter registration shall the disability status and type of every prospective voter.”

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Section 25 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (3) new subsections (4) and (5) as follows-

“(4) Sign language interpretation shall be used simultaneously when final election results are being declared in different elections.

(5) The Commission should make election results available in a mode, means and format of communication easily accessible to the person requesting results”.

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Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (4) a new subsection (5) as follows –

“(5) All notices shall be in mode, means and format of communication accessible to persons with disabilities”

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Section 54 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the existing subsection (2) a new subsection (3) as follows –

“(3) All registered voters with disabilities shall be allowed priority voting upon arrival at their polling units with their permanent voter cards.”

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Section 66 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the provision as “66(1)” and inserting immediately after the existing provision a new subsection (2) as follows –

“66 (2) - Sign language interpretation shall be used simultaneously when final election results are being declared in different elections, after which the Commission shall make the results available in mode, means and format of communication easily accessible to the person requesting results”.

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This Bill shall be cited as the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024



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