

No. 27: Reduction of Age for Election

**A Bill
For**

An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the age for qualification for the offices of the President and Governor and membership of the Senate, House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly; and for other related matters

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		ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -	
		Alteration of the Constitution 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out in this Bill.	
65	<p><i>C - Qualifications for Membership of National Assembly and Right of Attendance</i></p> <p>65. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 66 of this Constitution, a person shall be qualified for election as a member of:</p> <p>(a) the Senate, if he is a citizen of Nigeria and has attained the age of 35 years; and</p> <p>(b) the House of Representatives, if he is a citizen of Nigeria and has attained the age of 30 years;</p> <p>(2).....</p>	<p>Alteration of section 65</p> <p>2. Section 65 (1) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the word, “thirty”, in line 2, the word, “twenty-five”.</p>	
106	<p><i>C -Qualification for Membership of House of Assembly and Right of Attendance</i></p> <p>106. Subject to the provisions of section 107 of this Constitution, a person shall be qualified for election as a</p>	<p>Alteration of Section 106</p> <p>3. Section 106 (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting the words “Thirty” with the words “Twenty-five”.</p>	

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	<p>member of a House of Assembly if -</p> <p>(a) he is a citizen of Nigeria;</p> <p>(b) he has attained the age of thirty years;</p> <p>(c) he has been educated up to at least the School Certificate level or its equivalent; and</p> <p>(d) he is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that party.</p>		
131	<p style="text-align: center;">Part I Federal Executive <i>A - The President of the Federation</i></p> <p>131. A person shall be qualified for election to the office of the President if -</p> <p>(a) he is a citizen of Nigeria by birth;</p> <p>(b) he has attained the age of forty years;</p> <p>(c) he is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that political party; and</p> <p>(d) he has been educated up to at least School Certificate level or its equivalent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alteration of Section 131</p> <p>4. Section 131 (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the word, “forty”, the word, “thirty-five”.</p>	
		<p>Citation</p> <p>This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 27, 2017.</p>	
		<p style="text-align: center;">EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the age qualification for the offices of the President, Governor and membership of the Senate, House of Representatives and the State Houses of Assembly.</p>	

