

**NO. 16: Restriction of Tenure of the President and Governor**

**A Bill  
For**

**An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the elected President or Governor from being elected to the same office for more than a single term; and for related matters**

Sections	Constitutional Provisions	Provisions of the Bill	Remarks
		ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -	
		<p><b>Alteration of Constitution</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
137	<p><b>Disqualifications</b></p> <p>137(2) Where in respect of any person who has been -</p> <p>(a) adjudged to be a lunatic;</p> <p>(b) declared to be of unsound mind;</p> <p>(c) sentenced to death or imprisonment; or</p> <p>(d) adjudged or declared bankrupt</p> <p>any appeal against the decision is pending in any court of law in accordance with any law in force in Nigeria,</p> <p>subsection (1) of this section shall not apply during a period beginning from the date when such appeal is lodged and ending on the date when the appeal is finally determined or, as the case may be, the appeal lapses or is abandoned, whichever is earlier.</p>	<p><b>Alteration of section 137</b></p> <p>2 Section 137 of the Principal is altered, by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection “(3)” -</p> <p>“(3) A person who was sworn-in as President to complete the term for which another person was elected as President shall not be elected to such office for more than a single term”.</p>	

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	<p><b>Disqualifications</b>  <b>(2)</b> Where in respect of any person who has been  (a) adjudged to be a lunatic;  (b) declared to be of unsound mind;  (c) sentenced to death or imprisonment; or  (d) adjudged or declared bankrupt,  an appeal against the decision is pending in any court of law in accordance with any law in force in Nigeria, subsection (1) of this section shall not apply during a period beginning from the date when such appeal is lodged and ending on the date when the appeal is finally determined or, as the case may be, the appeal lapses or is abandoned, whichever is earlier</p>	<p><b>Alteration of section 182</b>  <b>3.</b> Section 182 of the Principal Act is altered, by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection “(3)” -    “(3) A person who was sworn-in as Governor to complete the term for which another person was elected as Governor shall not be elected to such office for more than a single term”.</p>	
		<p><b>Citation.</b>  <b>4.</b> This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fourth Alteration) Bill, No. 16, 2017.</p>	
		<p><b>Explanatory Memorandum</b>    This Bill seeks to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the elected President or Governor from being elected to the same office for more than a single term.</p>	