



PROPOSED NEW TIMELINES OF ELECTORAL EVENTS AS CAPTURED IN THE ELECTORAL BILL, 2021

**PASSED BY THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY IN JULY 2021**

S/No	Thematic Areas/ Electoral Activity	Timeline	Section	Time Frame/Duration
1.	Establishment of Independent National Electoral Commission Fund	(3) The election funds due to the Commission for any general elections are to be released to the Commission not later than one year before the next general election.	3(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not later than one year before the next general election.
2.	Establishment of office in each State, Federal Capital Territory Local Government Area	(2)(b) hold office for a period of five years from the date of his or her appointment which may be renewable for another period of five years only.	6(2)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a period of five years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> another period of five years only.
3.	Secretary and other staff of the Commission	(1)(c) ...Hold office for a period of four years from the date of his or her appointment which may be renewable for another period of four years only	8(1)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hold office for a period of four years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> renewable for another period of four years only
		(5) A person who, being a member of a political party, misrepresents himself by not disclosing his membership, affiliation, or connection to any political party in order to secure an appointment with the Commission in any capacity, commits an offence and is liable on conviction , to a fine of N500,000 imprisonment for a term not more than two years or both.	8(5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Imprisonment for a term not more than two years

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4.	National register of voters and voter's registration	(1) The commission shall compile, maintain, and update, on a continuous basis , a national register of voters (in this bill referred to as "the register of voters").....	9(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> update, on a continuous basis
		(6) The registration of voters, updating and revision of the register of voters under this section shall stop not later than 90 days before any election covered by this bill.	9(6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall stop not later than 90 days
5.	Continuous registration	(3) The commission shall, within 60 days after each year , make available to every political party the names and address of each person registered during the year.	10(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 60 days after each year
6.	Qualification for registration	(1)(b) has attained the age of 18 years	12(1)(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attained the age of 18 years
		(3) A person who contravenes the provision of subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than N100,000 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both	12(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not more than one year
7.	Transfer of registered voters	(2) An application under this subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's voters' card and shall be made not later than 90 days before an election in the constituency where the applicant is resident.	13(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall be made not later than 90 days

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8.	Power to print or issue voters card	(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both.	16(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not more than one year
9.	Power to issue replacement permanent voter' card	(1) Whenever a voter's card is lost, destroyed, defaced, torn or otherwise damaged, the owner of such card shall, not less than 90 days before polling day , apply in person.....	18(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not less than 90 days before polling day
		(3) no person shall issue a replacement permanent voter's card to any voter less than 90 days before polling days.	18(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> less than 90 days before polling day
		(5) Any person who contravenes subsection (3) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than N200,000 or imprisonment for a term not more than two years or both	18(5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not more than 2 years

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10.	Display of the copies of the voters' list	(1) subject to the provision of section 9(5) of this bill, the commission shall not later than 90 days to general election , appoint a period of seven days during which a copy of the voters' register for each local government, area council or ward shall be displayed or published for public scrutiny at every registration area and on its official website or website established by the commission.	19(1)	☒ shall not later than 90 days to general election, appoint a period of seven days
		(2) The commission shall accept and consider objections and complaints in relation to the names omitted or included in the voters' register or in relation to any necessary correction, within 14 days after displaying the voters register in accordance with this section.	19(2)	☒ within 14 days after displaying the voters register
		(5) An official or staff of the Commission who fails to display or publish the voters register as provided under subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N100,000 or imprisonment for a term of six months or both	19(5)	☒ imprisonment for a term of six months
11.	Offences of buying and selling voters' cards	(c) buys or offers to buy any voters' card whether on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person; commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding N500,000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.	23(c)	☒ not exceeding two years

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12.	Offences relating to registration of voters	(1)(f) by his or herself or any other person procures the registration of a fictitious person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not more than one year or both.	24(1)(f)	☒ not more than one
		(2)(b) in any way hinders another person from registering as a voter; commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not more than N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.	24(2)(b)	☒ not exceeding five years.
13.	Notice of election	(1) The commission shall, not later than 360 days before the days appointed for holding of an election under this bill, publish a notice in each state of the federation and federal capital territory-	30(1)	☒ not later than 360 days before the days
		(3) In the case of a by-election, the commission shall, not later than 14 days before the date appointed for the election, publish a notice stating the date of the election.	30(3)	☒ not later than 14 days before the date appointed

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14.	Submission of list of candidates and their affidavits by political parties	(1) Every political party shall, not later than 180 days before the date appointed for a general election under this bill, submit to the commission..... the list of candidates the party proposes to sponsor at the election,.....	31(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 180 days before the date appointed
		(3) The Commission shall, within seven days of receipt of the personal particulars of the candidate, publish same in the constituency where the candidate intends to contest the election.	31(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within seven days of receipt
		(4) ...the commission shall, upon payment of a prescribed fee, issue such person with a certified copy of the document within 14 days.	31(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> certified copy of the document within 14 days
15.	Prohibition of double nomination	(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of three months or both; but his or her action shall not invalidate the nomination.	32(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of three months
16.	Withdrawal of candidate	33. A candidate may withdraw his or her candidate by notice in writing signed by him and delivered personally by the candidate to the political party that nominated him for the election and the political party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission not later than 90 days to the election.	33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 90 days to the election

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17.	Publication of nomination	(1) The Commission shall, at least 150 days before the day of the election, publish by displaying or causing to be displayed at the relevant office or offices of the Commission and on the Commission's website...	34(1)	☒ at least 150 days before the day of the election
		(2) Any registered political party that observes that the name of its candidate is missing on the list published in accordance with subsection (1) shall notify the Commission in writing, signed by its National Chairman and Secretary, supported with an affidavit not later than 90 days to the election.	34(2)	☒ not later than 90 days to the election
18	Political parties changing candidates	35. Provided that in the case of such withdrawal or death of a candidate, the political party affected shall, within 14 days of the occurrence of the event , hold a fresh primary election to produce and submit a fresh candidate to the commission for the election concerned.	35	☒ within 14 days of the occurrence of the event
19.	Death of a candidate	(1)the commission shall appoint some other convenient date for the election within 14 days	36(1)	☒ convenient date for the election within 14 day
		(3)(a) (death of candidate after commencement of polls and before announcement of final result) The commission shall, being satisfied of the fact of the death, suspend the election for a period not exceeding 21 days ; and	36(3)(a)	☒ a period not exceeding 21 days
		(3)(b) in the case of election into a legislative house, the election shall start afresh and the political party..... conduct a fresh primary within 14 days of the death of its candidate.....	36(3)(b)	☒ conduct a fresh primary within 14 days

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20.	Format of ballot papers	(3) the commission shall, not later than 20 days to an election , invite in writing, a political party that nominated a candidate in the election to inspect its identity appearing on samples of relevant electoral materials proposed for the election; and the political party may state in writing within two days of being so invited by the Commission that it approves or disapproves of its identity as it appears on the samples.	44(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 20 days to an election <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> may state in writing within two days
21.	Polling agents	<p>(1)the polling agent, shall be accompanied by two passport photographs of each polling agent and sample signature of the polling and be given to the electoral officer at least 14 days before the date fixed for the election.</p> <p>Provided that no person presently serving as Chairman or member of a local government area council, commissioner, deputy governor or governor of a state, minister or any other person holding political office under any tier of government and who has not resigned his appointment at least three months prior to the said election shall serve as a polling agent of any political party,....</p>	45(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at least 14 days before the date fixed for the election <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at least three months
22.	Notice of poll	46. the commission shall, not later than 14 days before the day of the election , cause to be published, in such manner as it may deem fit, a notice specifying the-	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 14 days before the day of the election

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23.	Accreditation of voters and voting	(3) Where a smart card reader or any other technological device deployed for accreditation of voters fails to function in any unit and a fresh card reader or technological device is not deployed, the election in that unit shall be cancelled and another election shall be scheduled within 24 hours . If the Commission is satisfied that the result of the Election in that polling unit will substantially affect the final result of the whole election and declaration of a winner in the constituency concerned.	49(3)	☒ shall be scheduled within 24 hours
24.	Impersonation by Applicant to vote	(1) ...a polling agent, polling unit official or security agent informs the Presiding Officer that he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the person is under the age of 18 years ...	59(1)	☒ that the person is under the age of 18 years
25.	Counting of votes and forms	(6) A Presiding Officer who willfully contravenes any provision of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not more than N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of at least six months .	63(6)	☒ at least six months
26.	Endorsement on rejected ballot paper without official mark	(9) A Returning Officer or Collation Officer, as the case may be, commits an offence if he or she intentionally collates or announces a false result and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of at least three years or a fine of N5,000,000 or both.	67(9)	☒ for a term of at least three years

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27.	Decision of Returning Officer on ballot paper	(1)(c) ...Provided that the Commission shall have the power within seven days to review the declaration and return where the Commission determines that the said declaration and return was not made voluntarily...	68(1)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall have the power within seven days
28.	Certificate of return	<p>(1) A sealed Certificate of Return at an election in a prescribed form shall be issued within 14 days to every candidate who has been returned by the returning officer in an election under this Bill:</p> <p>PROVIDED that where the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court being the final appellate court in any election petition, as the case may be, nullifies any candidate's Certificate of Return, the Commission shall within 48 hours after receipt of the court's order, issue the successful candidate with a valid Certificate of Return.</p>	75(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall be issued within 14 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 48 hours
29.	Forms for use at elections	(3) A Presiding Officer who intentionally announces or signs any election result in violation of subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N200,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of at least one year or both.	76(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of at least one year
30.	Access to election documents	(1) The resident electoral commissioner in a state where an election is conducted shall, within 14 days after an application is made to him/ her by any of the parties to an election petition,.....	77(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 14 days after an application is made to him/her

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		(2) Any resident electoral commissioner who willfully fail to comply with the provisions in sub section (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N2,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	77(2)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both
31.	Power of the commission to register political parties	(1)application for registration as a political party shall be duly submitted to the commission not later than 12 months before a general election.	78(1)	☒ not later than 12 months before a general election
		(3) if the association has not fulfilled all the conditions under this section, the commission shall within 90 days from the receipt of its application notify the association in writing stating the reasons for non-registered.	78(3)	☒ within 90 days from the receipt of its application
		(4) a political association that meets the conditions stipulated..... shall be registered by the commission as a political party within 60 days from the date of receipt of the application, and if after the 60 days such association is not registered by the commission.....	78(4)	☒ within 60 days from the date of receipt of the application, and if after the 60 days such association is not registered
		(5)(b)...each executive or principal officer of the association to a fine of N3,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of at least two years or both	78(5)(b)	☒ a term of at least two years

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32.	Decision of the commission subject to judicial reviewprovided that any legal action challenging the decision of the commission shall be commenced within 14 days from the date of receipt of the decision on non-registration for the commission.	79	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shall be commenced within 14 days from the date of receipt
33.	Political parties to be bodies corporate	(3) Each political party shall make such register available to the Commission not later than 30 days before the date fixed for the party primaries, Congresses or Convention.	80(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 30 days before the date fixed
34.	Contravention of Section 227 of the 1999 Constitution	(2) Any person or group of persons who aids or abets a political party in contravening the provisions of section 227 of the Constitution commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N5,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of five years or both	81(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a term of five years

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35.	Symbols of political parties	(6) Where a political party is deregistered, no political association shall be permitted to use the name, symbol, logo or acronym of the deregistered political party within five years of deregistration.	82(6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within five years of deregistration
36.	Merger of political parties	<p>(4)commission shall consider the request;..... approve the proposed merger and communicate its decision to the parties concerned before the expiration of 60 days from the date of receipt of the formal request.</p> <p>Provided that where the commission fails to communicate its decision within 60 days, the parties shall within 14 days thereafter challenge the decision.....</p>	84(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> before the expiration of 60 days from the date of receipt of the formal request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 60 days, the parties shall within 14 days thereafter challenge the decision

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37.	Notice of convention congress, etc.	(1) Every registered political party shall give the Commission at least 21 days' notice of any convention, congress, conference or meeting convened...	85(1)	☒ at least 21 days' notice of any convention, congress, conference or meeting convened.
		(4) Notice of any congress, conference or meeting for the purpose of nominating candidates for area council elections shall be given to the commission at least 21 days before such congress, conference or meeting.	85(4)	☒ at least 21 days before such congress, conference or meeting.
38.	Period to be covered by annual statement	(4) The Commission shall publish the report on such examinations and audit in two national newspapers and the Commission's website within thirty (30) days of receipt of the results.	89(4)	☒ within thirty (30) days of receipt of the results.
39.	Limitation on election expenses	(10) A candidate who knowingly acts in contravention of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of 1% of the amount permitted as the limit of campaign expenditure under this bill or imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months or both.	91(10)	☒ imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months
		(11) Any individual who knowingly acts in contravention of subsection (9) is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of nine months or both.	91(11)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 9 months

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		(12) An Accountant who falsifies, or conspires or aids a candidate to forge or falsify a document relating to his expenditure at an election or receipt or donation for the election or in any way aids and abets the contravention of the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N3,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of three years or both.	91(12)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 3 years
40.	Election expenses of political parties	(3) Election expenses of a political party shall be submitted to the Commission in a separate audited return within six months after the election...	92(3)	☒ within six months after the election
41.	Prohibition of certain conduct, etc, at political campaigns	(7)(a) In the case of an individual, to a maximum fine of N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months ;	95(7)(a)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 12 months
		(8) Any person or group of persons who aids or abet a political party, an aspirant or a candidate in contravening the provisions of subsection (5) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term of three years or both	95(8)	☒ imprisonment for a term of three years
42.	Prohibition of use of force or violence during political campaign	(2)(a) In the case of an individual, to a maximum fine of N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months ;	96(2)(a)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 12 months

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43.	Limitation on political broadcast and campaign by political parties	(1) ...the period of campaigning in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.	99(1)	☒ commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.
		(2) A registered political party which through any person acting on its behalf during the 24 hours before the polling unit.	99(2)	☒ during the 24 hours before the polling unit.
44.	Campaign for election	(6)(b) principal officers and other officers of the media house, to a fine of N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months.	100(6)(b)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 6 months
45.	Prohibition of broadcast, etc, 24 hours preceding or on polling day	(3)(b) in the case of an individual to a maximum fine of N1,000,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of 6 months.	101(3)(b)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 6 months.
46.	Campaign based on religion, tribe, etc.	(a).....commits an offence under this bill and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N1,000,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 month or to both.	102(a)	☒ or imprisonment for a term of 12 month
47.	Division of area council into registration area	(1) Subject to the provision of this section, the Commission shall divide each Area Council into Registration Areas or Electoral Wards not being less than 10 and not more than 20 as the circumstance of each Area Council may require.	105(1)	☒ not being less than 10 and not more than 20
48	Division of area council into registration area	(3) The commission shall review the division of every area council at intervals of not less than 10 years	105(3)	☒ not less than 10 years

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49.	Qualification	(c) ...has attained the age of 25 years for Councillor and 30 years for Chairman and Vice Chairman	106(c)	☒ the age of 25 years for Councillor and 30 years for Chairman and Vice Chairman
50.	Disqualification	(1)(d) within a period of less than 10 years before the date of an election to the area council , he or she has been convicted and sentenced for an offence involving dishonesty or he or she has been found guilty of contravention of the code of conduct.	107(1)(d)	☒ within a period of less than 10 years before the date of an election to the area council
		(1)(f) he or she is a person employed in the public service of the federation or of any state or area council (other than a person holding elective office) and he or she has resigned, withdrawn or retired from such employment 30 days before the date of election ;	107(1)(f)	☒ 30 days before the date of election
		(1)(h) he or she has within the preceding period of 10 years presented a forged certificate to the commission;	107(1)(h)	☒ has within the preceding period of 10 years
		(1)(j) he or she has been elected to such office at any 2 previous elections in the case of chairman.	107(1)(j)	☒ at any 2 previous elections

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51.	Date of area council elections and method of voting	(2) Bye-elections to fill vacancies that occur in area councils shall be held within 30 days from the date the vacancy occurred.	108(2)	☒ shall be held within 30 days from the date the vacancy occurred
		(3) The date mentioned in subsection (1) shall not be earlier than one hundred and fifty days before and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of the office of the last holder of that office.	108(3)	☒ not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term
		(4) Where vacancy occurs more than 3 months before the day the area council stands dissolved there shall be a bye-election to fill the vacancy not later than 30 days from the date the vacancy occurred.	108(4)	☒ 3 months before the day.... fill the vacancy not later than 30 days from the date the vacancy
52.	Procedures for nomination, etc.	(3)(b) remains nominated by reason of the disqualification, withdrawal, incapacitation, disappearance, or death of the other candidate, the commission shall extend the time for nomination by 7 days.	110(3)(b)	☒ shall extend the time for nomination by 7 days

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53.	Election of area council chairman	(3) If no candidate is duly elected under subsection (2) of this section, the Commission shall within 14 days conduct a second election between the 2 candidates, and the candidate who scored the majority of votes cast at the election shall be deemed duly elected at the election.	111(3)	☒ shall within 14 days conduct a second election
		(6) In default of a candidate duly elected under the foregoing subsections, the Commission shall within 14 days of the result of the election held under the said subsections arrange for another election between the two candidates and a candidate at such an election shall be deemed to have been duly elected to the office of a Chairman of the Area Council if he or she has...	111(6)	☒ 14 days of the result of the election
		(7) If no candidate is duly elected under subsection (6), arrangements shall be made within 14 days of the result of the previous election , for another election between the two candidates specified in subsection (6), and a candidate at this last election shall be deemed duly elected to the office of Chairman of the Area Council if he scores a simple majority of votes cast at the election.	111(7)	☒ within 14 days of the result of the previous election

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54.	Death of chair- man before oath of office	(3) Where the persons duly elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of an Area Council die before taking and subscribing the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office during which period the Area Council has not been inaugurated the Commission shall within 21 days conduct an election to fill the vacancies.	112(3)	☒ shall within 21 days conduct an election to fill the vacancies
		(4)(a) The Commission shall, being satisfied of the fact of the death, suspend the election for a period not exceeding 21 days.	112(4)(a)	☒ or a period not exceeding 21 days
		(4)(b) in the case of election into a Legislative House, the election shall start afresh and the political party whose candidate dies may, if it intends to continue to participate in the election, conduct a fresh primary within 14 days of the death of its candidate and submit the name of a new candidate to the Commission to replace the dead candidate	112(4)(b)	☒ conduct a fresh primary within 14 days of the death of its candidate
55.	Dissolution of area council	(1) An Area Council shall stand dissolved at the expiration of a period of four years commencing from the date when the	113(1)	☒ of a period of four years
		(2) In determination of the four years term , where a re-run election has taken place and the person earlier sworn in wins the re-run election, the time spent in the office before the date the election was annulled, shall be taken into account.	113(2)	☒ of the four years term

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56.	Removal of chairman or vice-chairman	(3) The Leader of the Area Council shall, within seven days of the notice , cause a copy of the notice to be served on the holder of the office and on each member of the Area Legislative Council and shall also cause any statement made in reply to the allegation by the holder of the office to be served on each member of the Area Legislative Council.	115(3)	☒ shall, within seven days of the notice
		(4) Within 14 days of the presentation of the notice , (whether or not any statement was made by the holder of the office in reply to the allegation contained in notice) the Area Legislative Council, shall resolve by motion without any debate whether or not the allegation shall be investigated.	115(4)	☒ Within 14 days of the presentation of the notice
		(6) Within seven days of the passing of a motion under subsection (4), the leader of the Area Legislative Council shall inform the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, who shall appoint a Panel of seven persons who in the opinion of the Chief Judge are of unquestionable integrity not being members	115(6)	☒ Within seven days of the passing of a motion.....who shall appoint a Panel of seven persons
		(8)(b) Within three months of its appointment , report its findings to the Area Legislative Council.	115(8)(b)	☒ Within three months of its appointment

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		(10) Where a report of the Panel is that the allegation against the holder of the office has been proved, then within 14 days of the receipt of the report , the Area Legislative Council shall consider the report and if by a resolution of the Area Council supported by not less than two-thirds majority of all its members the report of the Panel is adopted, then the holder of the office shall stand removed from office as from the date of the adoption of the report.	115(10)	☒ then within 14 days of the receipt of the report
57.	Permanent incapacity of chairman or vice-chairman of an area council	(4) The medical panel to which this section relates shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Area Legislative Council and shall consist of five medical practitioners in Nigeria...	115A(4)	☒ shall consist of five medical practitioners in Nigeria
58.	Discharge of functions of chairman or vice-chairman of an area council	(2) Where any vacancy occurs in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1) during a period when the office of Vice-Chairman of the Area Council is also vacant, the Speaker of the Area Legislative Council shall hold office of the Chairman of the Area Council for a period of not less than three months , during which there shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of the last holder of the office.	115B(2)	☒ for a period of not less than three months
59.	Recall	(b) The petition is thereafter approved in a referendum conducted by the commission within 90 days of the date of the receipt of the petition by a simple majority of the votes of the persons registered to vote in that member's constituency.	116(b)	☒ within 90 days of the date of the receipt of the petition

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60.	Offences in relation to registration, etc.	(1)(i) ... commits an offense and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N1,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both	117(1)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of 12 months
61.	Offences in respect of nomination, etc.	(1)(k) ...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum term of imprisonment for 2 years.	118(1)(k)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maximum term of imprisonment for 2 years
		(2)(d) ...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N50,000,000 or imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years or both.	118(2)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years
62.	Disorderly behavior at political meetings	(b) ...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	119(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of 12 months
63.	Improper use of voters cards	(d) ...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	120(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of 12 months
64.	Improper use of vehicles	(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section , commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term of six months or both	121(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of six months
65.	Impersonation and voting when not qualified	(1f) ...commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	122(1f)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months

		(2) Any person who commits the offence of impersonation or who aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of that offence, is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	122(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months
66.	Dereliction of duty	(1) Any officer appointed for the purposes of this bill, who without lawful excuse commits any act or omits to act in breach of his or her official duty commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	123(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months
		(2) Any polling agent who fails to report promptly at his or her polling unit on an election day without lawful excuse commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	123(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months
		(3) Any polling agent, political party or party agent who conspires to make false declaration of result of an election commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	123(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months
		(4) Any person who announces or publishes an election result knowing same to be false or which is at variance with the signed certificates of return commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 36 months.	123(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 36 months.

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		(5) Any returning officer or collation officer who delivers or causes to be delivered a false certificate of return knowing same to be false, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a maximum of 3 years without an option of fine.	123(5)	☒ imprisonment for a maximum of 3 years without an option of fine.
		(6) Any person who delivers or causes to be delivered a false certificate of return knowing same to be false to any news media commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 3 years.	123(6)	☒ to imprisonment for a term of 3 years.
67.	Bribery and conspiracy	(1d)commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	124(1d)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 12 months
		(4) Any person who commits the offence of bribery is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N500,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	124(4)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 12 months
68.	Requirement of secrecy in voting	(4) Any person acting contrary to the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 3 months or both.	125(4)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 3 months
69.	Wrongful voting and false statements	(c).....commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months or both.	126(c)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 6 months

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70.	Voting by unregistered person	(1) Any person who knowingly votes or attempts to vote in a constituency in respect of which his or her name is not on the register of voters commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months or both.	127(1)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 6 months
		(2) Any person who knowingly brings into a polling unit during an election a voter's card issued to another person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N100,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or both.	127(2)	☒ imprisonment for a term of 6 months
71.	Disorderly conduct at elections	Any person who at an election acts or incites to act in a disorderly manner commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both.	128	☒ or imprisonment for a term of 12 months
72.	Offences on election day	(1) No person shall do any of the following acts or things in a polling unit or within a distance of 300 meters of a polling unit on the date on which an election is held.....	129(1)	☒ within a distance of 300 meters

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		(3) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months for every such offence.	129(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of 6 months
		(4) Any person who snatches or destroys any election material or any election device, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of 24 month.	129(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a term of 24 month
73.	Undue influence	(b)..... commits an offence and is liable on conviction to fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 12 months or both	130(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 12 months
74.	Threatening	(d)..... commits an offence and is liable on conviction to fine of N100,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of 3 years.	131(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imprisonment for a term of 3 years
75.	Procedures to questioned an election	(3a) be constituted not later than 30 days before the election	133(3a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 30 days
		(3b) when constituted, open their registries for business 7 days before the election.	133(3b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 days before the election.

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76.	Establishment of area council election tribunal	(3) The chairman shall be a chief magistrate and two other members shall be appointed from among the magistrates of the judiciary of the federal capital territory, Abuja and legal practitioners of at least 10 years post-call experience.....	134(3)	☒ at least 10 years
		(5a) be constituted not later than 21 days before election	134(5a)	☒ not later than 21 days
		(5b) when constituted, open their registries for business not later than 8 days before the election.	134(5b)	☒ not later than 8 days before the election
		(6) An area council election tribunal shall deliver its judgement in writing within 90 days from the date of filing of the petition.	134(6)	☒ within 90 days from the date of filing of the petition

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77.	Establishment of area council election appeal tribunal	(6a) be constituted not later than 14 days before the election	135(6a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 14 days
		(6b) when constituted, open their registries for business not later than 30 days after the election.	135(6b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 30 days
		(8) An election petition shall be filed within 21 days after the date of the declaration of result of the election.	135(8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 21 days after the date of the declaration
		(9) An appeal tribunal shall deliver a judgement in writing within 180 days from date of the filling of the petition.	135(9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 180 days from date of the filling of the petition
		(10) An appeal from a decision of an area council election tribunal shall be heard and disposed of within 60 days from the date of the delivery of judgement of the tribunal.	135(10)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> within 60 days from the date of the delivery of judgement of the tribunal
78.	Nullification of election by tribunal or court	(1)the tribunal or court shall nullify the election and order the commission to conduct a fresh election not later than 90 days after the-	139(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not later than 90 days after the-

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79.	Person elected to remain in office pending determination of appeal	(2)the contrary decision of the election tribunal or the court, remains in office pending the expiration of the period of 21 days within which an appeal may be brought.	142(2)	☒ the period of 21 days within which an appeal may be brought.
80.	Inspection of documents	(4)the tribunal or court of the commission's official to who the order is directed to summary conviction to imprisonment for at least two years , without an option of fine	150(4)	☒ for at least two years

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