

# CHAPTER 10

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A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR  
CONSTITUTION REVIEW TO ENHANCE  
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY

## CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

There are 37 bills to alter the provisions of the constitution with the Constitutional Review Committee and they include the following:

- The alteration to create provisions for independence and financial autonomy of local government councils in Nigeria.
- The alteration to provide for the establishment of a special court for the trial of financial crimes, corrupt practices and related offences.
- The alteration to provide for voting rights for Nigerian citizens living in the Diaspora.
- The alteration to review downwards the ages for Nigerian Youths in politics who could be Senators and members of the House of Representatives - 30 years for Senate and 25 years for House of Representatives.
- The alteration to allow for payment by states to local government councils such proportions out of the State Internally Generated Revenue as may be prescribed by a law enacted by the state houses of assembly.
- The alteration that seeks to remove jurisdictional bottlenecks that hamper speedy dispensation of justice in the courts.

**“On our part and in keeping with our pledge to support the anti-corruption crusade, this Senate has within this period carried out oversight investigations into the noticed abuse in the implementation of the Treasury Single Account saving government over N20bn and the implementation of the Rice Importation Waivers and Duties policy of government and the latest NEITI Report detailing humongous levels of corruption totalling over 3trillion naira.”<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>7</sup> Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, First Anniversary of the 8th Senate of the National Assembly.