

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION (AS ALTERED) AND FOR
OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap C23,
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the
3 “Principal Act”) is altered as set out under this Act.

4 2. Paragraph 22 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the Principal Act
5 is deleted. And substitute with the following:

6 “The Secretary of the National Judicial Council shall be appointed by the
7 National Judicial Council.”

8 3. This bill may be cited as the constitution of the Federal Republic
9 of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2015. Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The bill seeks to firmly establish the independence of the NJC by allowing members of NJC appoint their own Secretary rather than being recommended for appointment from outside the NJC by a lower body of the Federal Judicial Service Commission.