

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP. C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO INCREASE THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN ORDER TO SECURE JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE, PROTECT JUDICIAL OFFICERS FROM PRESSURE, AND PROMOTE EXPERIENCE AND QUALITY IN JUSTICE DELIVERY IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

Co-Sponsors:

Hon. Cornelius Nnaji

Hon. Ben Rowland Igbakpa

Hon. Amos Magaji

Hon. Nsikak Ekong

Hon. Isa Dederi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

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| 1 | 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap.C23, | Alteration of
Cap. C23, LFN,
2004 |
| 2 | Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the | |
| 3 | Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. | |
| 4 | 2. Section 291 of the Principal Act is altered- | Alteration of
Section 291 |
| 5 | (a) in subsection (1), line 2, by substituting for the word "seventy", | |
| 6 | the word "seventy-five"; and | |
| 7 | (b) in section (2), line 3, by substituting for the word "sixty-five", | Citation |
| 8 | the word "seventy". | |
| 9 | 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal | |
| 10 | Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020. | |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to increase the retirement age for judicial officers in order to secure judicial independence, protect judicial officers from pressure and promote experience and quality in justice delivery in Nigeria.