

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. F6
- 2           Law of the Federation, 2004 (in this Bill referred to "as the Principal Act") is
- 3           hereby altered as set out in this Bill.
- 4           **2.** Chapter VII (D) under arrangement of Sections of the
- 5           Constitution is altered by deleting the Heading 'The High Court of the
- 6           Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'The High Court of Abuja,
- 7           Federal Capital Territory'.
- 8           **3.** Chapter VII (D) (255) under arrangement of Sections of the
- 9           Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Establishment of the
- 10          High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja', and insert '
- 11          Establishment of the High Court of Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.
- 12          **4.** Chapter VII (D) (256) under Arrangement of Sections of the
- 13          Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Appointment of Chief
- 14          Judge and Judges of High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and
- 15          insert 'Appointment of Chief Judge and Judges of High Court of Abuja,
- 16          Federal Capital Territory'.
- 17          **5.** Chapter VII (E) under Arrangement of Sections of the
- 18          Constitution is altered by deleting the Heading 'The Sharia Court of Appeal
- 19          of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'The Sharia Court of
- 20          Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.
- 21          **6.** Chapter VII (E) (260) under Arrangement of Sections of the

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Constitution of  
the Federal Republic  
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1 Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Establishment of the  
2 Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert  
3 'Establishment of the Sharia Court of Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

4 **7.** Chapter VII (E) (261) under Arrangement of Sections of the  
5 Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Appointment of Grand  
6 Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory,  
7 Abuja' and insert 'Appointment of Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of  
8 Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

9 **8.** Chapter VII (F) under Arrangement of Sections of the Constitution  
10 is altered by deleting the Heading 'The Customary Court of Appeal of the  
11 Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'The Customary Court of Appeal,  
12 Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

13 **9.** Chapter VII (F) (265) under Arrangement of Sections of the  
14 Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Establishment of the  
15 Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert  
16 'Establishment of the Customary Court of Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital  
17 Territory'.

18 **10.** Chapter VII (F) 266 under Arrangement of Sections of the  
19 Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Appointment of President  
20 and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory,  
21 Abuja' and insert 'Appointment of President and Judges of the Customary  
22 Court of Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

23 **11.** Chapter VIII under Arrangement of Sections of the Constitution is  
24 altered by deleting the Heading 'FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA  
25 AND GENERAL SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS' and insert 'ABUJA,  
26 FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AND GENERAL SUPPLEMENTARY  
27 PROVISIONS'.

28 **12.** Chapter VIII, Part 1 under Arrangement of Sections of the  
29 Constitutions is altered by deleting the Heading 'FEDERAL CAPITAL

1 TERRITORY, ABUJA' and insert 'ABUJA, FEDERAL CAPITAL  
2 TERRITORY'.

3 **13.** Chapter VIII, Part 1 (297) under Arrangement of Sections of  
4 the Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Federal Capital  
5 Territory, Abuja: ownership of lands' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
6 Territory: ownership of lands'.

7 **14.** Chapter VIII, Part 1 (302) under Arrangement of Sections of  
8 the Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Minister of the  
9 Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Minister of the Federal Capital  
10 Territory'.

11 **15.** Chapter VIII, Part 1 (303) under Arrangement of Sections of  
12 the Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Administration of  
13 the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Administration of Abuja,  
14 Federal Capital Territory'.

15 **16.** Chapter VIII, Part 1 (304) under Arrangement of Sections of  
16 the Constitution is altered by deleting the Sub-heading 'Establishment of the  
17 Judicial Service Committee of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and  
18 insert 'Establishment of the Judicial Service Committee of Abuja, Federal  
19 Capital Territory'.

20 **17.** Heading of Part II of the First Schedule under Arrangement of  
21 Sections of the Constitution is altered by deleting 'DEFINITION AND  
22 AREA COUNCILS OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA' and  
23 insert 'DEFINITION AND AREA COUNCILS OF ABUJA, FEDERAL  
24 CAPITAL TERRITORY'.

25 **18.** Heading of Part III of the Third Schedule under Arrangement  
26 of Sections of the Constitution is altered by deleting 'FEDERAL CAPITAL  
27 TERRITORY, ABUJA EXECUTIVE BODY' and insert 'ABUJA,  
28 FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY EXECUTIVE BODY'.

29 **19.** Line 1 of Section 3 (4) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
30 the words 'The Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja Federal

1 Capital Territory'.

2 **20.** Line 3 of Section 3 (5) of the Constitution is hereby altered by  
3 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
4 Federal Capital Territory'.

5 **21.** Line 1 of Section 6 (5) (d) (f) and (h) of the Constitution is altered  
6 by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
7 Federal Capital Territory'.

8 **22.** Line 2 of Section 48 of the Constitution is hereby altered by  
9 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
10 Federal Capital Territory'.

11 **23.** Lines 7, 10, 12 and 22 of Section 84 (4) of the Constitution is  
12 altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and insert  
13 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

14 **24.** Line 3 of Section 133 (b) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
15 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
16 Capital Territory'.

17 **25.** Line 3 of Section 134 (1) (b) of the Constitution is altered by  
18 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
19 Federal Capital Territory'.

20 **26.** Line 3 of Section 134 (2) (b) of the Constitution is altered by  
21 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
22 Federal Capital Territory'.

23 **27.** Line 3 of Section 134 (4) (b) of the Constitution is altered by  
24 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
25 Federal Capital Territory'.

26 **28.** Line 10 of Section 162 (1) of the Constitution is altered by  
27 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
28 Federal Capital Territory'.

29 **29.** Line 2 of Section 222 (f) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
30 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal

1 Capital Territory'.

2 **30.** Line 6 of Section 223 (2) (b) of the Constitution is altered by  
3 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
4 Federal Capital Territory'.

5 **31.** Lines 5 and 7 of Section 240 of the Constitution is altered by  
6 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
7 Federal Capital Territory'.

8 **32.** Heading of Chapter VII (D) of the Constitution is altered by  
9 deleting the words 'The High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja'  
10 and insert 'The High Court of Abuja, Federal  
11 Capital Territory'.

12 **33.** Line 1 of Section 255 (1), (2) and (2) (a) of the Constitution is  
13 altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and insert  
14 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

15 **34.** Line 2 of Section 256 (1) and (2) of the Constitution is altered  
16 by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
17 Federal Capital Territory'.

18 **35.** Line 3 of Section 256 (3) of the Constitution is altered by  
19 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
20 Federal Capital Territory'.

21 **36.** Lines 2 and 9 of Section 256 (4) of the Constitution is altered by  
22 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
23 Federal Capital Territory'.

24 **37.** Line 5 of Section 257 (1) of the Constitution is altered by  
25 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
26 Federal Capital Territory'.

27 **38.** Lines 4 and 6 of Section 257 (2) of the Constitution is altered by  
28 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
29 Federal Capital Territory'.

30 **39.** Line 1 of Section 258 of the Constitution is altered by deleting

1 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
2 Capital Territory.

3 **40.** Lines 3 and 5 of Section 259 of the Constitution is altered by  
4 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
5 Federal Capital Territory'.

6 **41.** Heading of Chapter VII (E) of the Constitution is altered by  
7 deleting the words 'The Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory,  
8 Abuja' and insert 'The Sharia Court of Appeal, Abuja, Federal Capital  
9 Territory'.

10 **42.** Line 1 of Section 260 (1) and (2) of the Constitution is altered by  
11 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
12 Federal Capital Territory'.

13 **43.** Line 3 of Section 261 (1) and (3) of the Constitution is altered by  
14 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
15 Federal Capital Territory'.

16 **44.** Lines 3 and 6 of Section 264 of the Constitution is altered by  
17 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
18 Federal Capital Territory'.

19 **45.** Heading of Chapter VII (F) of the Constitution is altered by  
20 deleting the words 'The Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital  
21 Territory, Abuja' and insert 'The Customary Court of Appeal, Abuja, Federal  
22 Capital Territory'.

23 **46.** Line 2 of Section 265 (1) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
24 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
25 Capital Territory'.

26 **47.** Line 1 of Section 265 (2) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
27 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
28 Capital Territory'.

29 **48.** Line 3 of Section 266 (1) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
30 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal

1 Capital Territory'.

2 **49.** Line 5 of Section 266 (3) of the Constitution is altered by  
3 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
4 Federal Capital Territory'.

5 **50.** Line 1 of Section 267 of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
6 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
7 Capital Territory'.

8 **51.** Lines 3 and 6 of Section 269 of the Constitution is altered by  
9 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
10 Federal Capital Territory'.

11 **52.** Line 9 of Section 289 of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
12 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
13 Capital Territory'.

14 **53.** Lines 3,5 and 7 of Section 292 (1) (a) (i) of the Constitution is  
15 altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert  
16 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

17 **54.** Heading of Chapter VIII of the Constitution is altered by  
18 deleting the words 'FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA AND  
19 GENERAL SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION' and insert 'ABUJA,  
20 FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AND GENERAL  
21 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION'.

22 **55.** Heading of Chapter VIII, Part I of the Constitution is altered by  
23 deleting the words 'FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY' and insert  
24 'ABUJA, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY'.

25 **56.** Line 1 of Section 297 (1) of the Constitution is altered by  
26 deleting the words 'a Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
27 Federal Capital Territory'.

28 **57.** Line 2 of Section 297 (2) of the Constitution is altered by  
29 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
30 Federal Capital Territory'.

1           **58.** Line 1 of Section 298 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
2 words 'The Federal Capital Territory Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
3 Territory'.

4           **59.** Line 2 of Section 299 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
5 words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
6 Territory'.

7           **60.** Line 8 of Section 299 (a) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
8 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
9 Capital Territory'.

10          **61.** Line 2 of Section 300 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
11 words 'Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
12 Territory'.

13          **62.** Line 3 of Section 301 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
14 words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
15 Territory'.

16          **63.** Line 4 of Section 301 (b) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
17 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
18 Capital Territory'.

19          **64.** Line 3 of Section 302 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
20 words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
21 Territory'.

22          **65.** Line 1 of Section 303 of the Constitution is altered by deleting the  
23 words 'The Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital  
24 Territory'.

25          **66.** Lines 1 and 2 of Section 304 (1) of the Constitution is altered by  
26 deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja,  
27 Federal Capital Territory'.

28          **67.** Line 5 of Section 304 (2) of the Constitution is altered by deleting  
29 the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal  
30 Capital Territory'.



1                    **68.** Line 2 of paragraph 4 of Section 318 (1) of the Constitution is  
2 altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert  
3 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

4                    **69.** Lines 6, 9 and 11 of paragraph 23 of Section 318 (1) of the  
5 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
6 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

7                    **70.** Lines 3, 4 and 6 of paragraph 34 (b) of Section 318 (1) of the  
8 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
9 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

10                   **71.** Heading of Part II of the First Schedule of the Constitution is  
11 altered by deleting the words 'DEFINITION OF FEDERAL CAPITAL  
12 TERRITORY, Abuja' and insert 'DEFINITION OF ABUJA, FEDERAL  
13 CAPITAL TERRITORY'.

14                   **72.** Line 1, Paragraph 1 of Part II of the First Schedule of the  
15 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
16 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

17                   **73.** Heading of Paragraph 3 of Part II of the First Schedule of the  
18 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'FEDERAL CAPITAL  
19 TERRITORY, ABUJA AREA COUNCILS' and insert 'ABUJA,  
20 FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY AREA COUNCILS'.

21                   **74.** Line 2 of item 7 (1) (b) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the  
22 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
23 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

24                   **75.** Line 2 of item 14 (2) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the  
25 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
26 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

27                   **76.** Line 4 of item 20 (f) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the  
28 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
29 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

30                   **77.** Lines 1, 4, 6 and 8 of item 21 (a) (ii) of Part 1 of the Third

1 Schedule of the Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal  
2 Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

3 **78.** Line 2 of item 23 (b) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the  
4 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
5 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

6 **79.** Line 2 of item 31 (b) of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the  
7 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
8 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

9 **80.** Heading of Part III of the Third Schedule of the Constitution is  
10 altered by deleting the words 'FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA  
11 EXECUTIVE BODY (ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 304)' and insert  
12 'ABUJA, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY EXECUTIVE BODY  
13 (ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 304)'.

14 **81.** Line 1 of item 1 of Part III of the Third Schedule of the  
15 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
16 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

17 **82.** Line 1 of item 1 (a) of Part III of the Third Schedule of the  
18 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
19 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

20 **83.** Line 2 of item 1 (c) and (d) of Part III of the Third Schedule of the  
21 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
22 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

23 **84.** Line 1 of item 2 (i) and (ii) of Part III of the Third Schedule of the  
24 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
25 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

26 **85.** Line 2 of item 2 (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of Part III of the Third  
27 Schedule of the Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal  
28 Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

29 **86.** Lines 5, 7, 9 and 12 of item 2 (c) of Part III of the Third Schedule of  
30 the Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,

1 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

2 **87.** Lines 5, 8, and 10 of Paragraph 6 of the Seventh Schedule of the  
3 Constitution is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal Capital Territory,  
4 Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

5 **88.** Line 2 of item F (3) of the Third Schedule of the Constitution  
6 (First Alteration) Act, 2010 is altered by deleting the words 'the Federal  
7 Capital Territory, Abuja' and insert 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

8 **89.** Line 2 of Paragraph 5 of Order 1 (2) of the Fundamental Rights  
9 (Enforcement Procedure) Rules, 2009 of the Constitution is altered by  
10 deleting the words 'the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abuja' and insert  
11 'Abuja, Federal Capital Territory'.

12 **90.** This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic Citation  
13 of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter relevant Sections and Schedules of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with a view to normalizing the status of Abuja in relation to the Federal Capital Territory.