

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO SUBJECT ITS PROVISIONS TO A REFERENDUM IN ORDER TO AUTHENTICATE THE EXTANT CONSTITUTION AS THE RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** A Referendum shall be held on the question whether the Referendum to ratify the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999
- 2           Constitution for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred
- 3           to as "the Constitution") is approved and acceptable to the people of Nigeria.
- 4           **2.** The Independent National Electoral Commission (hereafter Independent National Electoral Commission to conduct the Referendum
- 5           referred to as "the Commission") shall conduct the referendum and give the
- 6           widest possible publicity to the method of voting YES or NO on every
- 7           provision of the Constitution.
- 8           **3.** The persons eligible to vote in the referendum shall be those Eligibility to Vote
- 9           whose names are on the Commission's Register of Voters.
- 10          **4.**-(1) The ballot shall be open and the Independent National Opening and Regulations for Ballot
- 11          Electoral Commission shall make regulations for the purpose of ensuring
- 12          the proper conduct thereof and that no person votes more than once.
- 13          (2) The regulations made under the provisions of this clause may
- 14          impose penalties for contravention.
- 15          **5.** A majority of 'Yes' votes for the purposes of this clause shall be Votes of the Ballot
- 16          determined by two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the referendum
- 17          **6.** Subject to the provisions of sub-clause 7 of this clause, the Constitution Alteration Bills
- 18          Bill(s) to repeal or re-enact the Constitution for the Federal Republic of

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1 Nigeria consisting of provisions that obtained the majority 'Yes' votes of the  
2 result of the referendum shall be proposed for ratification by a simple majority  
3 of both Houses of the National Assembly.

Citation

4 7. This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
5 Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to subject its provisions to a referendum in order to authenticate the extant Constitution as the resolution of the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.