

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO DELETE ITEM 64 FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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

1           **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in  
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act" is altered as set out in this Bill.

Alteration of the  
Constitution of  
the Federal Republic  
of Nigeria, 1999

3           **2.** The Second Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by-  
4           (a) deleting paragraph 64 of the Exclusive Legislative List and  
5 thereafter, renumbering the entire Exclusive Legislative List to reflect this  
6 alteration; and

Alteration of  
Second Schedule  
to the Constitution

7           (b) inserting under the Concurrent List new paragraphs 31 and 32  
8 to read as follows:

9           "31. The National Assembly may make Laws for the Federation  
10 with respect to Water from such sources declared to be sources affecting  
11 more than one state."

12           "32. A House of Assembly may subject to paragraph 31 hereof,  
13 make laws for that State or any part thereof with respect to sources of water  
14 from that State."

15           **3.** This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
16 Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to delete Item 64 as a component on the Exclusive Legislative List and insert it under the Concurrent Legislative List to enable State Houses of Assembly legislate on issues bordering on Water whose sources are from such States.