

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS GRAND KADI OR KADI OF THE SHARIA COURT OF APPEAL OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

Hon. Dederi Ise	Hon. Shaba Ibrahim
Hon. Gbande Richard	Hon. Mohammed Bio
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Hon. Olarewaju Kunle	Hon. Nsikak Ekong
Hon. Patrick Ikon	

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in | Alteration of the |
| 2 | this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. | Constitution, 1999 |
| 3 | 2. Section 261(3)(a) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting | Alteration of |
| 4 | for the words "ten years" in lines 1 and 2, the words "twelve years". | Section 261 |
| 5 | 3. Section 262 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after | Alteration of |
| 6 | subsection 2, a new subsections "(3)": | Section 262 |
| 7 | (3) The Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, | |
| 8 | Abuja shall not stay any proceedings on account of any interlocutory | |
| 9 | appeal." | |
| 10 | 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal | Citation |
| 11 | Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2021. | |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to increase the number of years of qualification for appointment as Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.