

# 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 PRESIDENT OR JUDGE OF THE CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] 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 266(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 266        |
| 5  | 3. Section 267 of the Principal Act is altered-                                   | Alteration of      |
| 6  | (a) by inserting after section 267, a new subsection "(2)"-                       | Section 267        |
| 7  | "(2) The Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital                         |                    |
| 8  | Territory, Abuja shall not stay any proceedings on account of any                 |                    |
| 9  | interlocutory appeal."  |                    |
| 10 | (b) by renumbering section 267 as subsection "267(1)".                            |                    |
| 11 | 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal                      | Citation           |
| 12 | 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 President or Judge of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.