

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUPREME COURT ACT CHAPTER 424 LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA (LFN) 1990, AND FOR OTHER RELATED
MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Supreme Court Act Chapter 424 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria (LFN) 1990 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is
3 amended as set out hereunder.

The Supreme
Court Act Chapter
424 Laws of the
Federation of
Nigeria (LFN)
1990

4 2. Section 3 Part 1, General of the Principal Act is amended to
5 conform with the Provisions of Sections 230 of the Constitution of the
6 Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, thus-

Amendment of
Section 3

7 "(1) There shall be a Supreme Court of Nigeria.

8 (2) The Supreme Court of Nigeria shall consist of-

9 (a) the Chief Justice of Nigeria; and

10 (b) such number of Justices of the Supreme Court, not exceeding
11 TWENTY-ONE (21), as may be prescribed by an Act of the National
12 Assembly."

13 3. This Bill may be cited as the Supreme Court Act (Amendment)
14 Bill, 2020.

Short title

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Supreme Court Act Chapter 424 Laws of the
Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 1990 to conform with the Provisions of the
Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended. This
amendment is necessitated to the fact that the Constitution is Supreme,
therefore substantive jurisdictions should not contradict its sovereignty.