

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO REPLACE THE NAME, "NIGERIA POLICE FORCE" WITH "NIGERIAN POLICE" TO REFLECT THEIR CORE MANDATE OF PROVIDING CIVIL SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos

[] Commencement

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 Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Act. Alteration of
the Constitution,
1999
- 3 2. Section 34 (2) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting Alteration of
Section 34
4 for the words, "Nigeria Police force", in line 2, the words, "Nigerian Police".
- 5 3. Section 35 (7) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting Alteration of
Section 35
6 for the words, "Nigeria Police Force" in line 3, the words, "Nigerian Police".
- 7 4. Section 39 (3) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting Alteration of
Section 39
8 for the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 3, the words, "Nigerian
9 Police".
- 10 5. Section 214 of the Principal Act is altered- Alteration of
Section 214
11 (a) in the Heading, by substituting for the words, "Nigerian Police
12 Force", the words, "Nigerian Police" and
13 (b) in subsections (1) and (2) by substituting for the words,
14 "Nigerian Police Force", the words, "Nigerian Police".
- 15 6. Section 215 of the Principal Act is altered- Alteration of
Section 215
16 (a) in the marginal note, by substituting for the words, "Nigerian
17 Police Force", the words, "Nigerian Police";
18 (b) in subsection (1), by substituting for paragraph (a), a new
19 subsection "(a)"-

1 (a) an Inspector-General of Police who, subject to section 216 (2) of
2 this Constitution, shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the
3 Nigerian Police Council from serving members of the Nigerian Police and
4 subject to confirmation of such appointment by the Senate."; and

5 (c) by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)"-

6 “(2) The Nigerian Police shall be under the command of the
7 Inspector-General of Police and contingents of the Nigerian Police stationed in
8 a State shall, subject to the authority of the Inspector-General of Police, be
9 under the command of the Commissioner of Police of that State.”

Alteration of
Section 216

10 7. Section 216 (1) of the Principal Act is Altered by substituting for
11 the words, "Nigeria Police Force", in line 5, the words, "Nigerian Police".

Alteration of
the Third Schedule

12 8. Part I of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered-

13 (a) in paragraph 8 (1) (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria
14 Police Force", in line 4, the words, "Nigerian Police";

15 (b) in paragraph 28 (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police
16 Force", in line 1, the words, "Nigerian Police"; and

17 (c) in paragraph 30 (a), by substituting for the words, "Nigeria Police
18 Force", in line 2, the words, "Nigerian Police";

Citation

19 9. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
20 of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to replace the name, "Nigeria Police Force" with "Nigerian Police" to reflect their core mandate of providing civil services.