

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED), TO AMONGST OTHERS, TRANSFER THE SUBJECT MATTER OF MINIMUM WAGE PRESCRIPTION FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST SET OUT UNDER PART I OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST SET OUT UNDER PART II OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in
2 this Bill referred to as the Principal Act") is amended in Item 34 of the
3 Exclusive Legislative List at Part I of the Second Schedule by deleting the
4 words and semi-colon "prescribing a national minimum wage for the
5 Federation or any part thereof".

Alteration of the
Constitution 1999

6 2. The Principal Act is amended in the Concurrent Legislative List
7 at Part II of the Second Schedule to the Constitution:

Alteration of
Part I of the
Second Schedule
to the Constitution

8 (i) By inserting the following new paragraph 21:

9 "The National Assembly shall have power to make laws
10 prescribing a reasonable minimum wage for civil servants and public
11 officers in the employment of the Federal Government and Federal
12 Executive bodies, Federal statutory corporations and Federal
13 Administrative agencies";

14 (2) By inserting the following new paragraph 22:

15 "A House of Assembly may make laws for that State prescribing a
16 reasonable minimum wage for civil servants and public officers in the
17 employment of the State Government and State Executive bodies, State

1 statutory corporations, State Administrative agencies and local government
2 councils";

3 (3) By renumbering paragraphs 21 to 30 as the new paragraphs 23 to
4 32 thereof respectively.

Citation

5 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
6 of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to, amongst others, transfer the subject matter of minimum wage prescription from the exclusive legislative list set out under Part I of the Second Schedule to the concurrent legislative list set out under Part II of the Second Schedule and enable State Governments to prescribe reasonable minimum living wage for State and Local Government employees.