



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999
(FIFTH ALTERATION) BILL NO. 22, 2022**

A BILL
FOR
AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO EXCLUDE THE PERIOD OF
INTERVENING EVENTS IN THE COMPUTATION OF TIME FOR
DETERMINING PRE-ELECTION PETITIONS, ELECTION PETITIONS
AND APPEALS THEREFROM; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

FIRST READING	TUESDAY, 15 TH OCTOBER, 2019
SECOND READING	TUESDAY, 15 TH OCTOBER, 2019
THIRD READING AND PASSAGE	TUESDAY, 1 ST MARCH, 2022

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Arrangement of Clauses

Clause

1. Alteration of the Constitution
2. Alteration of section 285
3. Citation

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{ } Commencement

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

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of the Constitution

2. Section 285 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after subsection (13), a new subsection "(13A)" — Alteration of section 285

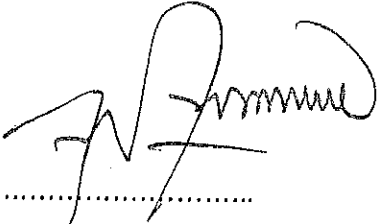
“(13A) For the purpose of this section, where there is a natural disaster, war or any State or national emergency or any other *“force majeure”* that prevents the filing of a pre-election matter, election petition, sitting of a court over a pre-election matter or the sitting of an election petition tribunal or appellate court, the period of the natural disaster, war, State or national emergency or any other *“force majeure”* shall not be reckoned with in the computation of time under subsections (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11) and (12) of this section”.

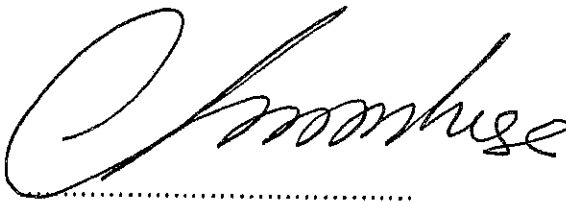
3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 22, 2022 Citation

Explanatory Memoranda

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to exclude the period of intervening events in the computation of time for determining pre-election petitions, election petitions and appeals therefrom.

THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2022


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President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria


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Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria