

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PRECLUDE THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT FROM ENTERTAINING PRE-ELECTION DISPUTES EMANATING FROM CONGRESSES, CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS OR OTHER MEETINGS CONVENED BY POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MEMBERS OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OR OTHER GOVERNING BODIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Ovie Omo-Agege

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in Constitution
2 this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Act. Alteration
- 3 **2.** Section 251 of the Principal Act is further altered by inserting Alteration of
4 after subsection (4), a new subsection "(5)": Section 251
- 5 "(5) Nothing in this section shall empower the Federal High Court
- 6 to entertain a dispute from a member of a political party challenging the
- 7 actions or decisions of a political party in respect of the election of a
- 8 principal officer or member of its executive committee or other governing
- 9 body following from a congress, conference, convention or other meeting
- 10 convened by that political party for the purpose of electing such principal
- 11 officers or members."
- 12 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
13 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to preclude the Federal High Court from entertaining pre-election disputes emanating from congresses, conferences, conventions or other meetings convened by political parties for the purpose of electing members of its executive committees or other governing bodies.