

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 54 (1) AND SECTION 96 (1) THEREIN, TO PROVIDE FOR QUORUM AT THE INAUGURAL SITTING OF THE NATIONAL AND STATES ASSEMBLY, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Senator Istifanus Gyang

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The constitution of the Federal Republic Nigeria 1999 (in this Constitution
2 Bill referred to as the Principal Act) is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration
- 3 **2.** Section 54 of the Principal Act is altered to read: Alteration of
4 1. The quorum of the Senate or of the House of Representatives section 54 (1)
5 shall be one- third of all the members of the Legislative House concerned,
6 However, for the purpose of the inaugural and first sitting of the Senate or of
7 the House of Representatives, the quorum shall not be less than two-third of
8 all the members of the Legislative House concerned.
- 9 **3.** Section 96 of the principal Act is altered Alteration of
10 1. The quorum of a House of Assembly shall be one-third of all the section 96 (1)
11 members of the house. However, for the purpose of the inaugural and first
12 sitting of the house, the quorum shall not be less than two-third of all the
13 members of the House.
- 14 **4.** This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Citation
15 Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the amendment of section 54 (1) and section 96 (1) therein, to provide for quorum at the inaugural sitting of the National and States Assembly.