

A BILL  
FOR  
AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION (AS ALTERED) AND FOR  
RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*

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

**Amendment of the Principal Act**

**1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Principal Act') is altered as set out under this Act.

**2.** Paragraph 22 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule of the Principal Act is deleted. And substitute with the following:

“The Secretary of the National Judicial Council shall be appointed by the National Judicial Council.”

**Citation**

**3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2019.

**Explanatory Memorandum**

The Bill seeks to firmly establish the independence of the NJC by allowing members of NJC appoint their own Secretary rather than being recommended for appointment from outside the NJC by a lower body of the Federal Judicial Service Commission