A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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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.
2. Section 256 (3) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting for the words "ten years" in line 3, the words "twelve years".
3. Section 257 of the Principal Act is altered-
   (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "section 251 and any other provisions of [line 1];
   (b) by inserting after subsection 2, a new subsections "(3)"-
   "(3) The High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall not stay any proceedings on account of any interlocutory appeal."
4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2021.

Commencement

Alteration of the Constitution, 1999
Alteration of Section 256
Alteration of Section 257
Citation
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to increase the number of years of qualification for appointment as Chief Judge or Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.