A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUPREME COURT ACT CHAPTER 424 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA (LFN) 1990, AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Francis Charles Udinyok

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

1. The Supreme Court Act Chapter 424 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 1990 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out hereunder.

2. Section 3 Part 1, General of the Principal Act is amended to conform with the Provisions of Sections 230 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, thus:

"(1) There shall be a Supreme Court of Nigeria.

(2) The Supreme Court of Nigeria shall consist of-

(a) the Chief Justice of Nigeria; and

(b) such number of Justices of the Supreme Court, not exceeding TWENTY-ONE (21), as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly."

3. This Bill may be cited as the Supreme Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Supreme Court Act Chapter 424 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 1990 to conform with the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended. This amendment is necessitated to the fact that the Constitution is Supreme, therefore substantive jurisdictions should not contradict its sovereignty.