

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, CAP C23, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR TRADITIONAL RULERS COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS ON CULTURE AND TRADITION AND HELP IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER IN THEIR TRADITIONAL DOMAIN; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Onofiok Luke

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap.C23, Alteration of
- 2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Cap. C23 LFN,
- 3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 153(1) of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after Alteration of
- 5 paragraph (n), a new paragraph "(o)": Section 153
- 6 “(o) National Traditional Rulers Council.”
- 7 **3.** Section 197(1) of the Principal Bill is altered by inserting after Alteration of
- 8 paragraph (c), a new paragraph "(d)": Section 197
- 9 “(d) State Traditional Rulers Council.”
- 10 **4.** The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is altered: Alteration of the
- 11 (a) in Part I, by inserting after paragraph 32, new paragraphs "33" Third Schedule
- 12 and "34":
- 13 "33. The National Traditional Rulers Council shall comprise of:
- 14 (a) the President, who shall be the Chairman;
- 15 (b) the Vice President, who shall be the Vice Chairman;
- 16 (c) chairman of traditional councilor emirate council or council of
- 17 chiefs or whatever name called of each State of the Federation including the

- 1 Federal Capital Territory;
- 2 (d) Minister of Culture;
- 3 (e) Minister of Justice;
- 4 (f) Minister of Defence;
- 5 (g) Minister of Interior;
- 6 (h) Inspector General of Police;
- 7 (i) National Security Adviser; and
- 8 (j) such other person as the President may in his discretion appoint.
- 9 34. The Council shall have power to:
- 10 (a) advise the President on matters connected to arts, culture,
- 11 tradition, mores, customs and values;
- 12 (b) assist security agencies to maintain peace and order in their
- 13 traditional domain; and
- 14 (c) perform such other functions as may be conferred on the Council
- 15 by an Act of the National Assembly"; and
- 16 (b) in Part II, by inserting after paragraph 6, new paragraphs "7" and
- 17 "8":
- 18 "7. The State Traditional Rulers Council shall comprise of:
- 19 (a) the Governor, who shall be the Chairman;
- 20 (b) the Deputy Governor, who shall be the Vice Chairman;
- 21 (c) chairman of traditional council or emirate council or council of
- 22 chiefs or whatever name called of a State;
- 23 (d) traditional rulers, emirs, chiefs or whatever name called in a State;
- 24 (e) Commissioner for Culture;
- 25 (f) Commissioner for Justice;
- 26 (g) Commissioner of Police;
- 27 (h) Divisional Police Officers; and
- 28 (i) such other person as the Governor may in his discretion appoint.
- 29 8. The Council shall have power to:
- 30 (a) advise the Governor on matters connected to arts, culture,

1 tradition, mores, customs and values;

2 (b) assist. security agencies to maintain peace and order in their
3 traditional domain; and

4 (c) perform such other functions as may be conferred by a Law
5 made by the House of Assembly of a State."

6 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
7 Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Traditional Rulers Council to advise the President and Governors on culture and tradition and help in maintaining peace and order in their traditional domain.