

# 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 MAKE FURTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TIME WITHIN TO FILE AND DETERMINE ELECTION PETITIONS AND APPEALS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*

[ ] 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,  
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, (in this Act referred to as "the Principal  
3 Act") is altered as set out under this Act.

Alteration of  
Cap. C23, LFN  
2004

4           2. Section 285 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting a new  
5 subsection "(9)"-

Alteration of  
section 285 of  
the Principal Act

6           "(9) For the purpose of this section, where there is a natural  
7 disaster, war, or any state the Principal or national emergency that prevents  
8 filing of petition or sitting of an Election Petition Act Tribunal or an  
9 appellate court, the period of the natural disaster, war, and state or national  
10 emergency shall not be reckoned with in the computation of time under  
11 subsections (5), (6) and (7) of this section.

12           3. This Bill is cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
13 Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020.

Citation

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap.c23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to make further provisions relating to time within which to file and determine election petitions and appeals.