

## **SB. 261**

### CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, BILL, 2020

#### **Arrangement of Sections**

Section:

1. Alteration of the Constitution, 1999.
2. Alteration of section 9.
3. Citation.

A BILL

FOR

An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the procedure for passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President withholds assent; and for Related Matters, 2020

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BE ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

#### **Alteration of the Constitution, 1999**

**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.

#### **Amendment of Section 9**

**2.** Section 9 of the Principal Act is altered:

(a) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words, "An Act of", in line 1, the words, "A Bill before";

(b) by substituting for the word, "Act", in line 2, the words, "a Bill";

(c) by substituting for the words, "the proposal", in line 3, the words, "the Bill" ; and

(d) by inserting a new subsection "(3A)":

"(3A) Where the President withholds his assent and the Bill is again voted upon by each House of the National Assembly by four fifths majority, the Bill shall become law".

#### **Citation**

**3.** This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fourth Alteration, No. 24) Bill, 2020.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill alters the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to among other things provide the procedure for passing a Constitution "Alteration Bill where the president withholds assent.