

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3 AND 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as
2 Amended) is altered as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Constitution
of Federal Republic
of Nigeria 1999
(as Amended)

3 **2.** Section 3 of the Constitution is altered by:

Amendment of
Section 3

4 (a) inserting immediately after the existing sub-section 6 a new
5 subsection 7 and 8 "(7) There shall be 6 Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria
6 namely: North-East, North-West, North-Central, South-East, South-West
7 and South-South.

8 (8) Each Geo-Political Zone of Nigeria shall consist of the area
9 within the states or Federal Capital Territory Abuja named in the First
10 column to Part 1 of the First Schedule to this Constitution.

11 **3.** Section 4(2), (3) and (7) of the Constitution is altered by
12 substituting "Exclusive Legislative List" with "Federal Legislative list" and
13 creation of "State Legislative List" as follows:

Amendment of
Section 4

14 (2) The National Assembly shall have powers to make laws for the
15 peace, order and good government of the Federation or any part thereof with
16 respect to any matter included in the "Federal Legislative List" set out in Part
17 1 of the Second Schedule to this Constitution.

18 (3) The power of the National Assembly to make laws for the
19 peace, order and good government of the Federation with respect to. any
20 matter included in the "Federal Legislative List" shall, save as otherwise

1 provided in the Constitution, be to the exclusion of the Houses of Assembly and
2 States.

3 (5) The House of Assembly of a State shall have power to make laws
4 for the peace, order and good government of the State or any part thereof with
5 respect to the following matters, that is to say:

6 (a) any matter not included in the Federal Legislative List set out in
7 Part I of the Second Schedule to this Constitution;

8 (b) any matter included in the Concurrent Legislative List and State
9 Legislative List set out in Parts II and III of the Second Schedule to this
10 Constitution;

11 (c) any other matter with respect to which it is empowered to make
12 laws in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; and

13 (d) The power of the House of Assembly of States to make laws for the
14 peace, order and good government of the State with respect to any matter
15 included in the State Legislative List shall, save as otherwise provided in this
16 Constitution, be to the exclusion of the National Assembly.

Citation

17 4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
18 of Nigeria, 1999 (Further Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as Amended) to formally recognize the six geo-political zones and to further introduce a clear demarcation by creating the Federal and State Legislative lists as a substitute for the existing executive lists.