

SB. 275

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER SECTION 285 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (SECOND ALTERATION) ACT. NO.2 OF 2010 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Adeola, Solomon Olarnilekan

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

Alteration of the Constitution

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Second Alteration) Act, No.2 of 2010 (herein referred to as the principal Act) is altered as set out below:

Alteration of Section 285

2. Section 285 sub-section 6 of the Principal Act is altered by introducing a proviso thereto as follow:

"Provided that where an intervening event (natural or circumstantial) occurs within the jurisdiction of the tribunal that makes it impracticable for the tribunal to sit, the period of the event shall not be counted in the computation of the 180 days period prescribed in sub-section 6"

3. Section 285 sub-section 7 of the principal Act is altered by introducing a proviso thereto as follow:

"Provided that where an intervening event (natural or circumstantial) occurs within the jurisdiction of the tribunal that makes it impracticable for the tribunal to sit, the period of the event shall not be counted in the computation of the 60 days period prescribed in sub-section 7"

Citation

4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Second Alteration) Act (further alteration) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter section 285 sub-section (6 and 7) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria (Second Alteration) Act 2010 to address the issue of intervening event occurring within the stipulated period for hearing and determination of an election petition or appeal before a tribunal or court of appeal.