

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO INCLUDE SIGN LANGUAGE AMONG THE LANGUAGES USED IN CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sesi Oluseun Whingan

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of the
Constitution

3 **2.** Section 55 of the Principal Act is altered by substituting the Alteration of
Section 55
4 existing section 55 with a new section "55"-
5 "The business of the National Assembly shall be conducted in English, and
6 in Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba and sign language when adequate arrangements
7 have been made therefore".

8 **3.** This Bill is cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Citation
9 Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to expand the languages used in conducting business of the National Assembly to include sign language to enable the hearing-impaired persons understand the proceedings of the National Assembly.