

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE ADVISORY ROLE OF TRADITIONAL RULERS IN THE CONSTITUTION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere

[] Commencement

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) (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in
3 this Bill. Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 **2.** Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: Amendment of
Section 15
5 By inserting a new subsection 6 to read as follows:

6 (6) In fostering a feeling of belonging and of involvement among
7 the various people of the Federation, the state shall recognize the advisory
8 role of the traditional rulers in the various states of the country and enhance
9 governance by incorporating into our decision- making processes their rich
10 cultural knowledge.

11 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
12 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

14 The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
15 1999, to make provision for the recognition of the advisory role of
16 traditional rulers in the Constitution and enhance governance by
17 incorporating into our decision- making processes the rich cultural
18 knowledge of traditional rulers.

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