

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 CAP. C23-120 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO TRANSFER THE ITEM DEALING WITH FINGERPRINTS, IDENTIFICATION AND CRIMINAL RECORDS FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mukhtar Zakari Chawai

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23-
2 120, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of
Constitution 1999
- 4 **2.** Part I to the Second Schedule of the Principal Act is altered by
5 deleting item "28 Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal records" and
6 thereafter, renumbering the entire Exclusive Legislative List to reflect this
7 alteration; and Alteration of
Part I to the
Second Schedule
of the Principal
Act
- 8 **3.** Part II to the Second Schedule of the Principal Act is altered by
9 inserting, under the Concurrent List a new item "31" to read as follows: Alteration of
Part II to the
Second Schedule
of the Principal
Act
- 10 "31. The National Assembly may make Laws for the Federation or
11 any part thereof with respect to Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal
12 records, but nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a House of Assembly
13 from making Laws for the State or any part thereof with respect to
14 Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal records within their State or from
15 the State to any other State with the consent of the State Governments
16 concerned".
- 17 **4.** The Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
18 Republic of Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLORATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (No 24) 1999 (as amended) to transfer the item dealing with Fingerprints, Identification and Criminal records from the Exclusive Legislative List to Concurrent Legislative List.