

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP. C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GEO-POLITICAL ZONES IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23  
2           Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "The  
3           Constitution") is hereby altered as set out hereunder. Alteration of  
Constitution  
Cap. C23 LFN  
2004
- 4           **2.** The Constitution is hereby amended by creating a new section Creating a new  
section 3A  
5           3A as follows:  
6           3A (1) There shall be six Geo-political Zones in Nigeria namely  
7           North East, North Central, North West, South East, South West and South  
8           South.  
9           (2) Each of the Geo-Political Zones named in the first column of  
10          part III of the first schedule to this Constitution shall consist of the states  
11          shown opposite thereto in the second column of that schedule.  
12          (3) The development of the political zones provided for under this  
13          section shall be by an Act of the National Assembly in line with development  
14          plan of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 15          **3.** The Constitution is hereby amended in the first schedule to this Amendment of  
the Firs Schedule  
of the Constitution  
16          Constitution by creating a new part III as follows:

1	PART III	
2	GEO-POLITICAL ZONES IN NIGERIA	
3	GEO-POLITICAL ZONES	STATES
4	North East	Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, Yobe
5	North Central	Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau
6	North West	Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto, Zanzara
7	South East	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo
8	South West	Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo
9	South South	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Rivers

Citation

10           **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of  
11 Nigeria 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to make provisions for the constitutional recognition of the Geo-political zones in Nigeria.