

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLIANCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FEDERAL CHARACTER IN THE COMPOSITION OF APPOINTMENTS AT THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mansur Manu Soro

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in Alteration of the
- 2 this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act. Constitution
- 3 **2.** Section 62 of the principal Act is altered to introduce a new sub- Introduction of
- 4 section 5 which shall read thus "Notwithstanding to any provision of the law new section 62
- 5 to the contrary, the composition of the body of principal officers of the sub-section (5)
- 6 National Assembly, irrespective of political party membership, and that of
- 7 the prime and regular committees shall reflect legislative experience, zonal
- 8 and states considerations and shall form part of recommendations made by
- 9 selection committees with representation from states caucuses.
- 10 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Alteration) Bill, Citation
- 11 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for compliance to the principles of federal character in the appointments of members of the National Assembly into leadership positions; to ensure equitable representation of all states and geo-political zones in the legislative operations of the federal legislature and to promote legislative experience.