

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 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL CHARACTER PRINCIPLES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ishaya David Lulu

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap.C23, Alteration of
- 2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Cap. C23, LFN,
- 3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 230 (2) (b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting Alteration of
- 5 for the words "twenty-one" the words "thirty-seven" Section 230
- 6 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
- 7 Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter section 230 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, to bring it in conformity with the federal character principles as enshrined under section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, by reviewing upward the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of Nigeria from twenty-one to thirty-seven.