

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) TO AMONG OTHER THINGS EXPAND THE MEANING OF JUDICIAL OFFICE AS SET OUT IN SECTION 318, PART IV TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF A MAGISTRATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze

[] 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 (in
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is being proposed to be altered as
3 set out in this Bill. Alteration of the
Constitution 1999

4 **2.** Section 318 (1) of the Principal Act is altered as follows: Alteration of
Section 318 (1)

5 (a) In subsection (1) thereof, by substituting the existing subsection
6 (1) with a new subsection (1) thus:

7 "Judicial office" means the office of Chief Justice of Nigeria or a Justice of
8 the Supreme Court, the President or Justice of the Court of Appeal, the office
9 of the Chief Judge or a Judge of the Federal High Court, the office of the
10 Chief Judge or Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory,
11 Abuja, the office of the Chief Judge of a State and Judge of the High Court of
12 a State, a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal
13 Capital Territory, Abuja, a President or Judge of the Customary Court of
14 Appeal; of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, a Grand Kadi or Kadi of the
15 Sharia Court of Appeal of a State, office of a magistrate; and a reference to a
16 "judicial officer" is a reference to the holder of any such office;

17 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
18 Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Altered) to amongst other provisions include the office of a magistrate in Section 318 (1) under Part IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Altered).