

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999, TO REGULATE THE APPLICATION OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES RATIFIED BY NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Daniel Asama Ago

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of the
Constitution

3 **2.** Section 12 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after
4 subsection (3), a new subsection "(4)-(6)"- Alteration of
Section 12

5 "(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
6 section, all regional and international human rights treaties ratified by the
7 Federal Republic of Nigeria are deemed to have been enacted into law by the
8 National Assembly and shall have the force of law throughout the
9 Federation.

10 (5) The National Assembly shall ensure that there is no
11 unreasonable delay between the Nigeria's ratification of an international
12 human rights treaty and the enactment of a national legislation in order to
13 give full effect to the state's international obligations to promote, protect and
14 fulfil human rights guaranteed in the treaty.

15 (6) For the purpose of this section, "unreasonable delay" shall be
16 any delay in excess of two years from the date of ratification of the treaty and
17 any law treaty that is not enacted after two years shall be deemed to have
18 been enacted by the National Assembly".

Citation 1 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
2 Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to regulate the application of regional and international human rights treaties ratified by Nigeria.