

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 EXPAND THE SCOPE AND MEANING OF JUDICIAL OFFICE TO INCLUDE THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA AND THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF A STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored By Hon. Abbas Tajudeen

[] Commencement

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

- 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 hereby altered as set out hereunder. 2004
- 4 **2.** The Principal Act is amended in section 6 by substituting for
- 5 paragraphs (a) to (i) in line 3 new paragraphs (a) to (m).
- 6 **3.** The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 6 by creating
- 7 immediately after sub-section 5 (i) thereof a new subsection 5 (j) and (k) as
- 8 follows:
- 9 6(5)(j) "Magistrate Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja"
- 10 6(5)(k) "Magistrate Court of a state"
- 11 **4.** The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 6 by
- 12 renumbering the existing sub-section 5 paragraphs (j) and (k) as paragraphs
- 13 (I) and (m).
- 14 **5.** Section 292 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in sub- Amendment of
- 15 section 1 (a) (ii) by inserting immediately after the word "appeal" in line 2 Section 292
- 16 the phrase "a Magistrate."
- 17 **6.** The Principal Act is hereby amended in section 318 by inserting Amendment of
- 18 immediately after the phrase "a judge of the Customary Court of Appeal" in Section 318

1 the definition of judicial office the phrase lithe office of a Magistrate Court or a
2 Magistrate Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja r the office of a Chief
3 Magistrate Court or a Magistrate Court of a state."

Citation

4 7. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
5 Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. 23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to expand the scope and meaning of judicial office to include the Magistrate Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and the Magistrate Court of a state.