A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN DETERMINING ANY QUESTION PROPOSED FOR DECISION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors:

Hon. Mansur Manu Soro

Hon. Obed Shehu

[ ] Commencement

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

Amendment of the Constitution

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

Amendment of Section 56 sub-section (1)

2. Section 56(1) of the Principal Act is amended to read thus "Any question proposed for decision in the Senate or the House of Representatives shall be determined by the required majority of members present using electronic voting system or division; and the person presiding shall cast a vote whenever necessary to avoid an equality of votes but shall not vote in any other case".

Citation

3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for an electronic voting system for determining decisions at either house of the National Assembly, to enhance transparency in voting, and to address deficiencies and dissatisfactions surrounding the voice voting system.