

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRE-ELECTION MATTERS AND STRENGTHEN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE DECISION OF VOTERS AT ELECTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon Ali Isa JC

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly 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.** The Principal Act is altered by inserting an improprio
4 immediately after- Alteration of
Sections 65, 106,
131 and 177

5 (i) subsection 2 paragraph (b) of Section 65;

6 (ii) paragraph (d) of Section 106;

7 (iii) paragraph (c) of Section 131;

8 (iv) paragraph (c) of Section 177,

9 to read:

10 "Provided that a decision of a court of law on the validity of the nomination
11 or sponsorship of a candidate by the political party or directive of the
12 Independent National Electoral shall not be brought by a person who did not
13 participate in the primary of the political party or by a different political
14 party as a ground for questioning the election or the result of the election of a
15 person duly elected by majority of lawful votes cast at the election."

16 **3.** The Principal Act is altered by inserting an improprio Alteration of
Section 246
17 immediately after subsection (3) to read:

18 "Provided that where the decision of the Supreme Court on a matter, given
19 the same grounds of petition, indicates there was error of law in

	1	determination of a petition in the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court may
	2	grant leave for judicial review"
Citation	3	4. This Bill may be cited as Constitution of the Federal Republic of
	4	Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to provide more clarification to pre-election matters relating to protect the integrity of votes of the electorates duly cast during an election.