

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO CONFER ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ON THE COURT OF APPEAL ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF A GOVERNOR OR DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF A STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Patrick Umoh

[] 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, 1999
- 3 **2.** Section 239(1) of the Principal Act is further altered by inserting Alteration of
Section 239
4 after subparagraph (c), new sub-paragraphs "(d)", "(e)", and "(f)"-
5 "(d) any person has been validly elected to the office of Governor
6 or Deputy Governor under this Constitution; or
7 (e) the term of office of Governor or Deputy Governor has ceased;
8 (f) the office of Governor or Deputy Governor has become vacant."
- 9 **3.** Section 246(1)(c)(ii) of the Principal Act is deleted. Alteration of
Section 246
- 10 **4.** Section 285 of the Principal Act is further amended by- Alteration of
Section 285
11 (a) deleting subsection (2);
12 (b) in section 3, by deleting the words "and the Governorship
13 Election Tribunal, respectively," in line 2.
- 14 **5.** Paragraph 2 of the Sixth Schedule to the Principal Act is deleted. Alteration of the
Sixth Schedule
- 15 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Citation
16 Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to confer original jurisdiction on the Court of Appeal on matters relating to the Office of a Governor or Deputy Governor of a State.