

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROPERLY ENHANCE THE DESIGNATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, AND STRENGTHEN THE LEGAL BASIS OF THE SERVICE RULES 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 Alteration of the
2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Constitution

3 **2.** Section 169 of the Principal Act is altered by- Alteration of
4 (i) deleting the provisions therein and replacing them with a new Section 169

5 provision to read:
6 "There shall be a public service of the Federation which shall comprise of
7 the civil service, extra-ministerial departments and government owned
8 parastatals."

9 (ii) by inserting a new Section 169A to read:
10 "169A. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Office of the Head
11 of Public Service shall have the power to make rules to regulate the
12 framework and operations of the public service with such modifications to
13 bring them into conformity with the provisions of the Constitution and
14 contemporary realities".

15 **3.** Section 318 of the Principal Act is altered in subsection (1) under Alteration of
16 the definition of- Section 318
17 "civil service" by deleting the conjunction "or" in between "Ministry" and
18 department in line 2, the words, "parastatals and extra".

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Citation 1 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
 2 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 properly designate the meaning of Public Service and strengthen the legal basis of the Rules governing the framework and operations of the Public Service.