

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR SPEEDY AND EFFICIENT JUSTICE DELIVERY AND TO IMPROVE CITIZENS' ACCESS TO JUSTICE; 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     Alteration of the
- 2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.     Constitution, 1999
- 3           **2.** Section 291(2)(b) of the Principal Act is altered by substituting     Alteration of
- 4 for the word, "twenty-one", in line 2, the word "thirty-one".     Section 291
- 5           **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal     Citation
- 6 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 increase the number of justices of the Supreme Court for speedy and efficient justice delivery and to improve citizens' access to justice.