

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION OF THE OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AMONG THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES OF THE COUNTRY, NAMELY: NORTH CENTRAL, NORTH EAST, NORTH WEST, SOUTH EAST, SOUTH SOUTH, AND SOUTH WEST; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap C23
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

Alteration of
Cap. C23 LFN,
2004

4 **2.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after the
5 existing subsection (6), a new subsection "(7)"-

Alteration of
Section 3 of the
Principal Act

6 "(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (4) and (5)
7 above, the thirty-six states and the Federal Capital Territory in Nigeria shall
8 be classified into Six Geopolitical Zones namely:

9 (a) North Central Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of
10 Benue State, the Federal Capital Territory, Kwara State, Kogi State,
11 Nasarawa State, Niger State and Plateau State;

12 (b) North East Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of
13 Adamawa State, Bauchi State, Borno State, Gombe State, Taraba State and
14 Yobe State;

15 (c) North West Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of Jigawa
16 State, Kano State, Kaduna State, Katsina State, Kebbi State, Sokoto State

1 and Zamfara State.

2 (d) South East Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of Abia State,
3 Anambra State, Ebonyi State, Enugu State and Imo State;

4 (e) South South Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of Akwa
5 Ibom State, Bayelsa State, Cross River State, Delta State, Edo State, and Rivers
6 State;

7 (f) South West Geopolitical Zone which shall comprise of Ekiti State,
8 Lagos State, Ogun State, Ondo State, Osun State and Oyo State:

9 Provided that the aforementioned geopolitical zones shall not be for
10 administrative purposes and shall not have governments of their own aside
11 from as provided by this Constitution"

Alteration of
Section 130
of the Principal
Act

12 **3.** Section 130 of the Principal Act is altered by inserting after the
13 existing subsection (2), a new subsection "(3)"-

14 "(3) the offices of the President and the Vice President of the Federal
15 Republic of Nigeria shall rotate among the six geopolitical zones of the
16 country, namely-

17 (a) South West President and North East Vice President;

18 (b) North East President and South East Vice President;

19 (c) South East President and Northwest Vice President;

20 (d) North West President and South South Vice President;

21 (e) South South President and North Central Vice President; and

22 (f) North Central President and South West Vice President,
23 commencing with the zone that has not previously produced a President, for 8
24 years each."

Citation

25 **4.** This Bill is cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
26 Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth alteration) Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to give constitutional backing to the principle of rotation of the offices of the President and the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria among the six geopolitical zones of the country, namely: North Central, North East, North West, South East, South South, and South West. The objective of the proposed alteration is to promote national unity, equity, fairness, and a sense of belonging among the diverse peoples of Nigeria by ensuring that the highest executive offices in the country are accessible to all geopolitical zones in a fair and rotational manner.