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**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999
(FIFTH ALTERATION) (NO. 12) ACT, 2023**



ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section :

1. Alteration of the Constitution
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**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999
(FIFTH ALTERATION) (NO. 12) ACT, 2023**

ACT No. 21

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR THE POST CALL QUALIFICATION OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL ;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

[3rd day of March, 2023]

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ENACTED BY THE National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria—

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| <p>1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Act referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out in this Act.</p> | <p>Alteration of
the
Constitution</p> |
| <p>2. The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by substituting paragraph 22 of Part 1, a new paragraph “22” —</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“22. The Secretary of the Council shall be appointed by the National Judicial Council on the recommendation of the Federal Judicial Service Commission and shall be a legal practitioner of at least fifteen years post call experience”.</p> | <p>Alteration of
the Third
Schedule</p> |
| <p>3. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) (No. 12) Act, 2023.</p> | <p>Citation</p> |

I, certify, in accordance with section 2 (1) of the Acts Authentication Act, Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, that this is a true copy of the Bill passed by both Houses of the National Assembly.

OJO O. A., fnia, fcia
Clerk to the National Assembly
6th Day of February, 2023.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Act alters the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the post call qualification of the Secretary of the National Judicial Council.

**SCHEDULE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999
(FIFTH ALTERATION) (NO. 12) BILL, 2023**

(1) <i>Short Title of the Bill</i>	(2) <i>Long Title of the Bill</i>	(3) <i>Summary of the Contents of the Bill</i>	(4) <i>Date Passed by the Senate</i>	(5) <i>Date Passed by the House of Representatives</i>
Constitution of The Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration, No. 12) Bill, 2023.	An Act to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the post call qualification of the Secretary of the National Judicial Council ; and for related matters.	This Bill alters the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for the post call qualification of the Secretary of the National Judicial Council.	24th January, 2023.	25th January, 2023.

I, certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

I ASSENT



OJO O. A., fnia, fcia
*Clerk to the National Assembly
6th Day of February, 2023.*

MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
*President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
3rd Day of March, 2023.*