

DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

1. Transferring Shipping and Navigation to the Concurrent Legislative List

Bill No: SB 390

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO MOVE SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Sections	Provision of the Constitution	Provision of the Bill	Remarks
		ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -	
		<p align="center">Clause 1 Alteration of the Constitution</p> <p>The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out in this Bill.</p>	
Second Schedule Part I	<p align="center">SECOND SCHEDULE [Section 4] <i>Legislative Powers</i> PART I <i>Exclusive Legislative List</i></p> <p>36. Maritime shipping and navigation, including –</p> <p>(a) shipping and navigation on tidal waters;</p> <p>(b) shipping and navigation on the River Niger and its affluents and on any such other inland waterway as may be designated by the National Assembly to be an international waterway or to be an inter-State waterway;</p>	<p align="center">Clause 2 Alteration Second Schedule</p> <p>Second Schedule, Part I is altered by subparagraph “(b)”, and transferring same to the concurrent legislative list</p>	
	PART II	Clause 3	

Second Schedule Part II	[Section 4] <i>Concurrent Legislative List</i> <i>Item Extent of Federal and State Legislative powers</i>	<p align="center">Alteration Second Schedule</p> <p>Second Schedule, Part II is altered by inserting a new item “(22A & B) - Shipping and Navigation” –</p> <p>“22A & B. – Shipping and Navigation</p> <p>22A The National Assembly may make laws to regulate Shipping and navigation on the River Niger and its affluents and on any such other inland waterway as may be designated by the National Assembly to be an international waterway.</p> <p>22B. A House of Assembly may, subject to paragraph 22A hereof, make laws for that State or any part thereof with respect to Shipping and Navigation in inter-State waterway”</p>	
		<p align="center">Citation</p> <p>This Bill may be cited as constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025</p>	
		<p align="center">Explanatory Memorandum</p> <p>This Bill seeks to alter the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to transfer control of interstate waterways from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent legislative list, thereby granting both the Federal and State governments the power to legislate on matters relating to shipping and navigation on interstate waterways.</p>	

2. Moving Labour, Industrial Relations, Industrial Disputes and Minimum Wage to the Concurrent Legislative List.

Bill No: SB 805

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO TRANSFER LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AND MINIMUM WAGE FROM THE EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE LIST TO THE CONCURRENT LEGISLATIVE LIST; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

SECTION	PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION	PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	REMARKS
		ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:	
		<p style="text-align: center;">Clause 1 Alteration of the Constitution</p> <p>The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in this Bill referred to as “the Principal Act”) is altered as set out in this Bill.</p>	
Part I of the Second Schedule	<p>Part I of the Second Schedule Exclusive Legislative List</p> <p>Item 34 Labour, including trade unions, industrial relations; conditions, safety and welfare of labour; industrial disputes; prescribing a national minimum wage for the Federation or any part thereof; and industrial arbitrations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clause 2 Alteration of Part I of the Second Schedule</p> <p>Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by deleting item 34.</p>	

<p>Part II of the Second Schedule</p>	<p>Part II of the Second Schedule Concurrent Legislative List</p> <p>Item 20. For the purposes of the foregoing paragraphs of this item, the word “agricultural” includes fishery.</p>	<p>Clause 3 Alteration of Part II of the Second Schedule</p> <p>Part II of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is altered by inserting after item 20A, new items “(20B)” and “(20C)” –</p> <p>“20B. The National Assembly may make Laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to labour, including trade unions, industrial relations; conditions, safety and welfare of labour; industrial disputes; prescribing minimum wage and industrial disputes so far as the subject matter relates to a matter upon which the National Assembly has power to make laws in this Constitution.</p> <p>20C. A House of Assembly may, subject to paragraph 20B hereof, make Laws for the State or any part thereof with respect to labour, including trade unions, industrial relations; conditions, safety and welfare of labour; industrial disputes; prescribing minimum wage, and industrial disputes so far as the subject matter relates to a matter upon which the House of Assembly has power to make Laws in this Constitution.”</p>	
		<p>Clause 4 Citation</p>	

		This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025.	
		<p style="text-align: center;">EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to transfer labour, industrial relations, industrial dispute and minimum wage from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List.</p>	