

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 51,-

(a) in clause (1), for the words "three hundred and forty-two", the words "three hundred and forty-six" shall be substituted; and

(b) in clause (3), in the table,-

(i) after third column, the following fourth column titled "Disabled Persons" shall be inserted and thereafter against the entries in first column relating to Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh, in the fourth column, the figure "1" respectively shall be inserted; and

(ii) in first column for the entry relating to "Total" in the fourth and the fifth columns, the figures "4" and "336" respectively shall be inserted.

3. **Amendment of Article 59 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution, in Article 59,-

(a) in clause (1),-

(i) for the word "one hundred and four" the word "one hundred and eight" shall be substituted;

(ii) in paragraph (e), the word "and" shall be omitted;

(iii) in paragraph (f), for the full stop at the end, the semicolon and word ";and" shall be substituted; and

(iv) after paragraph (f), as amended aforesaid, the following paragraph (g) shall be added, namely:-

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“(g) four disabled persons, who shall be mentally sound and graduated in any discipline of education, shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly.”; and

(b) in clause (3),-

- (i) in paragraph (e), the word “and” shall be omitted;
- (ii) in paragraph (f), for the full stop at the end, the semicolon and word “;and” shall be substituted; and
- (iii) after paragraph (f), as amended aforesaid, the following paragraph (g) shall be added, namely:-

“(g) of the members referred to in paragraph (f) of the aforesaid clause, two shall retire after the expiration of first three years and two shall retire after the expiration of next three years:

Provided that the election Commission for the first term of seats for disabled persons shall draw a lot as to which two members shall retire after the first three years.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Presently the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) is representing the all segments of our society except representation from disabled persons and due to which the voice of disabled persons is not suitably raised about the problems and other social constraints being faced by them. Therefore, it is necessary and expedient to provide for representation of disabled persons in the Senate and National Assembly.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objective.

Sd/-

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