

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014, MOVED BY MS. ASIYA NASIR, MNA

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Human Rights have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic, Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014]; (Amendment in Article 251) moved by Ms. Asiya Nasir, MNA and was referred to the Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2014

2. The Committee comprises the following members:

01.	<b>Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
02.	Justice (Retd) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
03.	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
04.	Rai Mansab Ali Khan	Member
05.	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
06.	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
07.	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
08.	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
09.	Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
10.	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
11.	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
12.	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
13.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
14.	Ms. Alizeh Iqbal Haider	Member
15.	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
16.	Ms. Munaza Hassan	Member
17.	Mr. S.A. Iqbal Quadri	Member
18.	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
19.	Ms. Aisha	Member
20.	Minister Incharge for Law, Justice & Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 examined the Bill in detail and observed that there was no need to move amendment in the Constitution in this regard. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill may not be considered for further legislation. The Bill as introduced in the National Assembly is at Annex-A

Sd/-  
**MOHAMMAD RIAZ**  
Secretary  
Islamabad 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

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**CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK**  
Chairman

## [AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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## BILL

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) Bill, 2014.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of Article 251 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 251, in clause(1), for the word "from the commencing day" the words "from the first day of 2015", shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

We know that the National Language of Pakistan is Urdu. As per requirement of Article 251 of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, arrangements shall be made for replacement of English language with Urdu and Urdu should be used as official language and for other purposes within fifteen years from the commencing day. It has been observed many times in the past and in present time that no efforts has been made to replace English with Urdu and our leader also uses English language in the Proceedings of National and Provincial Assembly and National and International Conferences, meetings and seminars, representing Pakistan. This attitude towards National Language demonstrates a shabby image of Pakistan to Nation and international Community. It also shows inferiority complex image of Pakistani National. If we observe the leaders of other Nations, they use their own Nation of language in any meeting in any country. The concerned quarter would make efforts and implement it by specifying an exact date for replacing English with Urdu.

- 2. The Bill is designed to achieve the said objectives.**

Sd/-  
(MS. ASIYA NASIR)  
Member, National Assembly