

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL**

further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 29, Act LXXXV of 1976.**- In the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976), in section 29:-

(i) after sub-section (2) the following new sub-section and Explanation shall be added, namely:-

“(2A) A person with disability(ies), as registered and recognized by the NADRA.

Explanation: For this purpose, the Election Commission of Pakistan shall prepare separate electoral rolls of the people with disability(ies) as recognized by the NADRA for polling.”

(ii) in section (3), after the figure “(2)”, the words and figure “ and (2A)”, shall be added.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The disabled People are active citizens. They want to take part in the political activities, if they get opportunities. The most important one is casting the votes. However, the people with disability(ies) have to face great hurdles when they go to cast their vote, in view of the fact that building infrastructures in the country, where Election Commission of Pakistan establishes polling stations lack all such facilities which caters to the people with disability(ies). Consequently, majority the of people with disability(ies) cannot cast their votes, which practically impede their right to vote. Thus, if we give them an option of postal ballot, the people with disability(ies) will be more comfortable to take part in the elections.

Sd/-

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