

[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, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force from the next general election.

2. **Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 106, in clause (1) for the table the following table shall be substituted, namely:-

	General Seats	Women	Non-Muslims	Total
Balochistan	51	11	04	66
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	99	22	04	125
Punjab	297	66	10	373
Sindh	130	29	11	170

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State is obliged under the Constitution for the promotion and protection of rights and interests of Non-Muslims including their representation in the legislature. Presently, as per Article 106, the table indicates the number of seats in the Provincial Assemblies to be allocated to Non-Muslims. The Non-Muslim community strongly feels that they are under-representation, since no increase was made in their seats, as it was done for general seats, hence, it needs to be increased their representation in the legislator.

2. This Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

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