

[TO BE 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) Act, 2016.

(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, in Article 51, in clause (6).-

(a) in paragraph (d).-

(i) for the words "on the basis of total number of general seats secured", the words "on the basis of votes received", shall be substituted; and

(ii) in the proviso, for the words "the independent returned candidate or candidates", the words "the votes received by successful independent candidate or candidates", shall be substituted.

(b) in paragraph (e).-

(i) for the words "on the basis of total number of general seats won", the words "on the basis of votes received", shall be substituted; and

(ii) in the proviso, for the words "the independent returned candidate or candidates", the words "the votes received by successful independent candidate or candidates", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As we know that women member seats are reserved in the National Assembly on the basis of total general seats secured by each political party from the province concerned. Therefore, it is suggested that women members may be elected on reserved seats on the basis of votes received by each political party and not on seats won by each political party.

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

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