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#### Abstract

A 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, 2019.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. Amendment of Article $\mathbf{2 3 9}$ of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 239, clause (4), shall be omitted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There is no doubt that the Parliament is the supreme organ of the State which determines the nature and structure of the governing and legislative system to provide for legal and regulatory framework for functioning of the governance system. The Parliament is invested with unlimited sovereign powers to change the entire structure of the Constitution, other constitutional institutions and organizations. However, it is quite illogical when the Parliament is such a powerful organ of the State and governing system then why the Parliament cannot create new provinces and administrative units within existing territories and Provinces of the Federation without the consent and approval of the concerned province and clause (4) in Article 239 of the Constitution is such a self-contradictory provision which is a bar on the legislative powers of the Parliament. Thus. it is expedient to further strengthen the sovereignty and legislative power of the Parliament by omitting clause (4) of Article 239 of the Constitution which is a veto power with a province illogically and irrationally as well as without cogent reasons and justifications.
2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

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