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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 shall be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2023
(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, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 51,
(i) in clause (1), for the words "thirty-six", the words, "forty-six", shall be substituted;
(ii) in clause (4), after the words, "non-Muslims", the words, "and ten seats reserved for overseas Pakistanis", shall be added; and
(iii) in clause (6),
(a) in paragraph (c), after the words "reserved for Non-Muslims" the words, "and overseas Pakistanis" shall be inserted; and
(b) in paragraph (e), after the words "reserved for Non-Muslims" the words, "and overseas Pakistanis" shall be inserted.
3. Amendment in Article 59 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 59,
(i) in clause (1),
(a) in the riding clause, for the words "ninety-six", the words "ninety-eight" shall be substituted; and
(b) after paragraph ( f ), the following new paragraph ( g ) shall be added, namely:-
"(g) two shall be elected from overseas Pakistanis by the National Assembly;"
(ii) in clause (3), after paragraph ( f , the following new paragraph (g) shall be added, namely:-
" $(\mathrm{g})$ of the members referred to in paragraph (g) of the aforesaid clause, one shall retire after the expiration of first three years and one shall retire after the expiration of next three years:

Provided that the Election Commission for the first term of seats for overseas Pakistanis shall draw a lot as to which one member shall retire after first three years."
4. Amendment in Article 106 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 106,
(i) in clause (1),
(a) after the words, "and seats reserved for", the expression, "overseas Pakistanis," shall be inserted; and
(b) for the table the following shall be substituted:-

|  | General <br> seats | Women | Non- <br> Muslims | Overseas <br> Pakistanis | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balochistan | 51 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 66 |
| Khyber <br> Pakhtunkhwa | 115 | 26 | 4 | 1 | 146 |
| Punjab | 297 | 66 | 8 | 1 | 372 |
| Sindh | 130 | 29 | 9 | 1 | 169 |

(ii) in clause (3),
(a) in paragraph (b), after the words, "seats reserved for", the expression, "overseas Pakistanis," shall be inserted; and
(b) in paragraph (c), after the words, "seats reserved for", the expression, "overseas Pakistanis," shall be inserted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Keeping in view the importance of overseas Pakistanis and to give them opportunity to serve and represent them in the National Assembly, Senate and Provincial Assemblies, this Bill has been proposed. For that purpose, ten seats in the National Assembly, two seats in the Senate and one seat in each Provincial Assembly have been reserved. The whole Pakistan will be single constituency for seats reserved in the National Assembly as well as each Province will be single constituency for the seat reserved for each Province. On the seats reserved for overseas Pakistanis in the Senate, the members will be elected by the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

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