

[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) Bill, 2014.

(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,-

(a) in clause (1), for the words "three hundred and forty-two" the words "three hundred and forty-eight" shall be substituted; and

(b) in clause (2A), for the words, "ten seats" the words "sixteen seats" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Seats reserved in the National Assembly are proposed to be increased from ten to sixteen. Since 1984 there are ten seats reserved in the National Assembly for minorities,. An increase was made in the minority seats in 2002 but no increase was made in the minority seats. There has been increase in the population of the non-Muslims also. Due to this the non-Muslims population is confronting several problems due to less representation as rampared to population.

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

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