

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE CONSTITUTION TWENTY FOURTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014, MOVED BY MR. S.A IQBAL QUADRI, MNA.

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Human Rights have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic, Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution Twenty Fourth (Amendment) Bill, 2014] (Amendment in Article 51) moved by Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri MNA, and was referred to the Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2014

2. The Committee comprises the following members:

01.	<b>Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
02.	Justice (Retd) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
03.	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
04.	Rai Mansab Ali Khan	Member
05.	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
06.	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
07.	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
08.	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
09.	Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
10.	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
11.	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
12.	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
13.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
14.	Ms. Alizeh Iqbal Haider	Member
15.	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
16.	Ms. Munaza Hassan	Member
17.	Mr. S.A. Iqbal Quadri	Member
18.	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
19.	Ms. Aisha	Member
20.	Minister Incharge for Law, Justice & Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 examined the Bill in detail and observed that there was no need to move amendment in the Constitution in this regard. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill may not be considered for further legislation. The Bill as introduced in the National Assembly is at Annex-A

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**MOHAMMAD RIAZ**  
Secretary  
Islamabad 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

Sd/-  
**CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK**  
Chairman

## [AS 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 shall be called the Constitution (Twenty Fourth Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed always have been enacted in the Constitution;

**Explanation.**

It is clarified that this Constitution (Twenty Fourth Amendment) Act, 2014 shall apply to all transactions past and closed, notwithstanding any order or judgment of any Court or Tribunal; and any proceedings pending before any forum in view of the law prior to this constitution (Twenty Fourth Amendment) Act, 2014, shall abate forthwith.

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, in clause 2, in paragraph (a), the following explanation shall be added, namely:-

***"Explanation.***- it is hereby clarified that the right of a citizen of Pakistan to vote shall remain unaffected in case the citizen of Pakistan acquires the nationality/citizenship of any country permitted under the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 or any other successor law in force or any letter, order, notification, rule or sub-ordinate/delegated legislation made or issued there under."

3. **Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution, in Article 63, in clause 1, in paragraph (c), after the words "foreign state", the words "except a country or a state in respect of which the acquisition of dual nationality/citizenship is permissible under the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 or any other successor law in force or any letter, order, notification, rule", shall be inserted.



4. **Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution, in Article 106, in clause 2, in paragraph (a), the following explanation shall be added, namely:-

***“Explanation.***- It is hereby clarified that the right of a citizen of Pakistan to vote shall remain unaffected in case the citizen of Pakistan acquires the nationality/citizenship of any country permitted under the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 or any other successor law in force or any letter, order, notification, rule or sub-ordinate/delegated legislation made or issued there under.”

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pakistan is one such country which permits the holding of a dual citizenship/nationality in terms of the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (Act II of 1951) (as amended by Act XXVII of 1972). Many countries of the world permit the holding of dual nationalities/citizenships. A direct result of this is that in those countries persons holding dual nationalities/citizenships can exercise the right to vote and can also run for Parliamentary elections. Our country's economy has always been considerably supported by overseas Pakistanis, whose allegiance to Pakistan is in no doubt. It has been a long-standing demand of the overseas Pakistanis that there should be no impediment or ambiguity in their right to vote and run for elections for the Parliament. The need for the support of overseas Pakistanis to our country's economy is the direst today than ever.

Sd/-

(MR. S.A. IQBAL QADRI)  
Member, National Assembly