

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015] referred to the Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

2. The Committee comprised the following: -

i)	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
ii)	Justice (Retd.) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
iii)	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
iv)	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
v)	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
vi)	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
vii)	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
viii)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
ix)	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
x)	Mr. Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar	Member
xi)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
xii)	Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch	Member
xiii)	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
xiv)	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
xv)	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
xvi)	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
xvii)	Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
xviii)	Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri	Member
xix)	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
xx)	Ms. Aisha	Member
xxi)	Mr. Zahid Hamid	Ex-officio Member

*Minister for Law and Justice*

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 considered the above Bill in detail and unanimously approved the same.

4. The Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly, is at Annex "A". The Committee recommended that the Bill might be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-  
( CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK )  
Chairman

Sd/-  
( ABDUL JABBAR ALI )  
Secretary  
Islamabad the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

[ AS 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) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 175 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 175, in clause (3), in the proviso, after the word "Sect", the words "or any other type of prejudice" shall be inserted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Because of extraordinary situation which demanded special measures for speedy trial of offences relating to terrorism, waging of war or insurrection against the country and prevention of acts threatening the security by terrorists, armed groups, wings and militia or its member(s) twenty first amendment has been introduced in the Constitution of Pakistan and in the Army Act whereby the jurisdiction of Military Courts, has been extended to some extent but its network is limited to those only who are involved in the terrorism but using the name of Religion or a Sect which conveys a wrong sense if discrimination, even otherwise the terrorism is terrorism and has no religion or sect, as such, the same may be seen in this context only, so for correction of wrong amendment is required.

Sd/-

Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali,  
Member, National Assembly.