

[ 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, 2019.

(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,-

(a) in clause (1), for the words "thirty-six", the word "forty" shall be substituted; and

(b) in clause (3), for the table, the following shall be substituted.-

	General Seats	Women	Disabled Person	Total
<b>Balochistan</b>	16	4	1	21
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>	45	10	1	56
<b>Punjab</b>	141	32	1	174
<b>Sindh</b>	61	14	1	76
<b>Federal Capital</b>	3	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	266	60	4	330

3. **Amendment of Article 59 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution, in Article 59,-

(a) in clause (1),-

(i) for the word "ninety-six" the word "one hundred" shall be substituted;

(ii) in paragraph (e), the word "and" at the end shall be omitted;

(iii) in paragraph (f), in the proviso for the full stop at the end, the expression "; and" shall be substituted; and

(iv) after paragraph (f), as amended aforesaid, the following paragraph (g) shall be added, namely :-

"(g) four disabled persons, who shall be mentally sound and graduated in any discipline of education, shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly."

(b) in clause (3),-

- (i) in paragraph (e), the word "and" at the end shall be omitted;
- (ii) in paragraph (f), in the proviso for the full stop at the end, the expression "; and" shall be substituted; and
- (iii) after paragraph (f), as amended aforesaid, the following paragraph (g) shall be added, namely :-

"(g) of the members referred to in paragraph (g) of the aforesaid clause, two shall retire after the expiration of first three years and two shall retire after the expiration of next three years :

Provided that the Election Commission for the first term of seats for disabled person shall draw a lot as to which two members shall retire after the first three years."

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

Presently Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) is representing all the segments of our society except representation from disabled persons. Due to which the voice of disabled persons is not suitably raised about the problems and other social constraints being faced by them. Therefore, it is necessary and expedient to provide for representation of disabled persons in the Senate and National Assembly.

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

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