

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 24th January, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1. Mr. Riaz Fatyana	Chairman
2. Mr. Atta Ullah	Member
3. Mr. Lal Chand	Member
4. Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
5. Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
6. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
7. Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel	Member
8. Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana	Member
9. Agha Hassan Baloch	Member
10. Mr. Sher Ali Arbab	Member
11. Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
12. Mr. Saad Waseem	Member
13. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Member
14. Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Member
15. Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
16. Khawaja Saad Rafique	Member
17. Syed Hussain Tariq	Member
18. Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
19. Dr. Nafisa Shah	Member
20. Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
21. Barrister Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at Annex-A, in its meeting held on 12th March, 2019 and recommended that the Bill may not be passed by the National Assembly. Note of Dissent submitted by Khawaja Saad Rafique MNA is placed as Annex-B.

Sd/-

TAHIR HUSSAIN

Secretary

Islamabad, the 4th April, 2019

Sd/-

(RIAZ FATYANA)

Chairman

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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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, 2016.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas “ and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious” shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The non-Muslims (minorities) of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult and discrimination. That All the religions existing in Pakistan are agreed that none of any religion is allowing consumption of alcoholic liquor for the religious purposes so in Islamic Republic of Pakistan the use of alcohol in the name of non-Muslims is a blasphemy act. This is one of the reasons for amending the said clause of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Due to misuse of this clause the wine shops in the country remain open 365 days in the year. This is also the reason for making the amendment in the above said clause of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Sd/-
DR. RAMESH KUMAR VANKWANI
Member, National Assembly

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Chairman!

Kindly attach my Note of Dissent with the decision and proceeding on the issue of constitutional amendment regarding the matter of liquor. In which I have suggested that the issue of permission to use liquor in certain circumstances should had been referred to Council of Islamic Ideology.

Sad/—

Khawaja Saad Rafique

Member, National Assembly (NA-131)