

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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

I, the Chairman of 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 08th May, 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 meetings held on the 5th September, 2019, 30th October 2019 and 27th November, 2019. The Committee recommends that the Bill as introduced may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary
Islamabad, the 12th December, 2019

Sd/-
(RIAZ FATYANA)
Chairman

[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) 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
Balochistan	16	4	1	21
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45	10	1	56
Punjab	141	32	1	174
Sindh	61	14	1	76
Federal Capital	3	-	-	3
Total	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.

-Sd/-

MS. KISHWER ZEHRA
Member, National Assembly