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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 (Twenty-third Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 27 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 27, in clause (1), in the first proviso, for the word "forty" the word "sixty" shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been so substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 27 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides safeguards against discrimination in services. In order to provide opportunity and representation to all classes of persons and areas in service, clause (1) of the said Article provides that for a period not exceeding forty years from the commencing day of the Constitution, certain posts may be reserved for persons belonging to any class or areas. It has been felt that since equal opportunity of education and other facilities are not yet available to all citizens of Pakistan, the period of forty years specified in clause (1) of Article 27 may be extended to sixty years.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

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