

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE CONSTITUTION (TWENTY-THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Human Rights have the honor to present, this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Twenty-third Amendment) Bill, 2013] referred to the Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.

2. The Committee comprises the following members: -

1. <b>Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Justice (Retd) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
3. Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
4. Rai Mansab Ali Khan	Member
5. Mr. Moshin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
6. Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
7. Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
8. Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
9. Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
10. Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
11. Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
12. Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
13. Ms. Alizeh Iqbal Haider	Member
14. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan	Member
15. Ms. Munaza Hassan	Member
16. Mr. S.A. Iqbal Quadri	Member
17. Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
18. Ms. Aisha	Member
19. Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sheerazi	Member
20. <i>Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights</i>	<i>Ex-officio Member</i>

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 considered the above Bill in detail and approved the same. The Committee recommends that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly (Annex-A) may be passed by the National Assembly. The Note of dissent submitted by Mr. S.A. Iqbal Quadri is at (Annex-B).

Sd/-  
**(Karamat Hussain Niazi)**

**Secretary**

Islamabad, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

Sd/-  
**(Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk)**  
**Chairman**

[ 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 (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.

**SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED**  
Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs  
Member-in-Charge

The Honorable Chairman,  
Standing Committee on  
Law, Justice and Human Rights,  
National Assembly,  
Islamabad.

Subject: Constitution (Twenty third Amendment) Bill, 2013

Honorable Sir,

I, in principle oppose the amendment in the first proviso of clause (1) of the Article 27 of the Constitution as proposed by the Government.

Sd/-  
(S.A Iqbal Quadri)  
Member National Assembly. (MQM)

Islamabad.

Dated: 27-11-2013.