

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013 MOVED BY MS.KISHWER ZEHRA, MNA.

1. 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 (Amendment) Bill, 2013] moved by Ms. Kishwer Zehra, MNA, was referred to the Committee on the 17th December, 2013.

2. The Committee comprises the following members:

1. Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
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. Engr. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	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. Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 17th February, 2014 examined the Bill in detail and observed that there was no need to move amendment in the Constitution in this regard. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill may not be considered for further legislation. The Bill as introduced in the National Assembly is at Annex-A.

Sd/-

Karamat Hussain Niazi
Secretary

Islamabad, 17th March, 2014

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 (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(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 "three hundred and forty-two", the words "three hundred and forty-six" shall be substituted; and

(b) in clause (3), in the table,-

(i) after third column, the following fourth column titled "Disabled Persons" shall be inserted and thereafter against the entries in first column relating to Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh, in the fourth column, the figure "1" respectively shall be inserted; and

(ii) in first column for the entry relating to "Total" in the fourth and the fifth columns, the figures "4" and "336" respectively shall be inserted.

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

(a) in clause (1),-

(i) for the word "one hundred and four" the word "one hundred and eight" shall be substituted;

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

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

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

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“(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.”; and

(b) in clause (3),-

(i) in paragraph (e), the word “and” shall be omitted;

(ii) in paragraph (f), for the full stop at the end, the semicolon and word “;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 (f) 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 persons shall draw a lot as to which two members shall retire after the first three years.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Presently the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) is representing the all segments of our society except representation from disabled persons and 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