

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE CONSTITUTION TWENTY SECOND (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014, MOVED BY MR. S.A IQBAL QUADRI, MNA.

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Human Rights have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution Twenty Second (Amendment) Bill, 2014] (Amendment in Article 63) moved by Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri MNA, and was referred to the Committee on 8th April, 2014

2. The Committee comprises the following members:

01.	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
02.	Justice (Retd) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
03.	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
04.	Rai Mansab Ali Khan	Member
05.	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
06.	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
07.	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
08.	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
09.	Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
10.	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
11.	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
12.	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
13.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
14.	Ms. Alizeh Iqbal Haider	Member
15.	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
16.	Ms. Munaza Hassan	Member
17.	Mr. S.A. Iqbal Quadri	Member
18.	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
19.	Ms. Aisha	Member
20.	Minister Incharge for Law, Justice & Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 14th November, 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

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MOHAMMAD RIAZ

Secretary
Islamabad 12th January, 2015

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CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK
Chairman

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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 purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the constitution (Twenty-Second Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come in force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic republic of Pakistan, in Article 63, in clause (1), in paragraph (c), the comma and the words “ , or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State” shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per Article 25 of the Constitution discrimination is not permissible. Even otherwise every citizen of Pakistan has equal political rights as per various Articles of the Constitution. Our country's economy has always been considerably supported by overseas Pakistanis, whose allegiance to Pakistan should not be in doubt. It has been a long-standing demand of the overseas Pakistanis that there should be no impediment in their way to run for elections for the Parliament. They are deeply concerned with events in Pakistan and are keen to play an effective role and want to contribute to national cause. Therefore, through proposed amendment in Article 63(1)(c), the constitutional bar on the dual nationality holders to be members of the Parliament is required to be lifted.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.

Sd/-
(MR. S.A. IQBAL QADRI)
Member, national Assembly