

[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, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 77 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 77, the words, " or under the authority of", shall be deleted and the words, " nor the rate thereof shall be modified without approval of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)." shall be added at the end.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Government is in the practice of levying new taxes through the issuance of different SROs by-passing the Parliament and is also authorized to increase the rate of taxes levied already. This is the reason that a number of SROs are issued every year which not only constitute usurpation of the authority of Parliament but also increase burden on the people and we, as public representatives, are not in a position to safeguard their rights. Hence, this amendment will provide us an ample opportunity to hold the Government accountable that it does not issue undue taxes on the people to meet its expenditures.

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