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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 titled and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 81 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 81, in paragraph (b), for the word "servants", the word "staff", shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of heading of CHAPTER 1, PART VIII of the Constitution.— In the Constitution, in PART VIII, in CHAPTER 1, in the heading, for the word "COMMISSIONS" the word "COMMISSION" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of Article 213 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution, in Article 213,—

(i) for clause (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) No person shall be appointed Commissioner unless he has been a judge of the Supreme Court or has been

a senior civil servant or is a technocrat and is not more than sixty-eight years of age.

Explanation 1.— “senior civil servant” means a civil servant who has served for at least twenty years under Federal or a Provincial Government and has retired in BPS-22 or above.

Explanation 2.— “technocrat” means a person who is the holder of a degree requiring conclusion of at least sixteen years of education, recognized by the Higher Education Commission and has at least twenty years of experience, including a record of achievements at the national or international level.”;

- (ii) in clause (2A), for the full stop at a end, the colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in case there is no consensus between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, each shall forward separate lists to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration which may confirm any one name.”;

- (iii) in clause (2B).-

- (a) the first proviso shall be omitted;
- (b) in the second proviso, the word “further”, shall be omitted; and
- (c) in the third proviso, for the word “also”, the word, “further” shall be substituted; and