

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ON THE BILL THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016.

I, Chairperson Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976) [The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2016] moved by Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan, MNA, referred to the Committee on 15th March 2016.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

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| 1. | Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharal | Chairperson |
| 2. | Malik Ihtebur Khan | Member |
| 3. | Sardar Ashiq Hussain Gopang | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt | Member |
| 6. | Sheikh Muhammad Akram | Member |
| 7. | Mian Tariq Mehmood | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nagra | Member |
| 9. | Mr. Rasheed Ahmad Khan | Member |
| 10. | Mr. Nadeem Abbas Rabaira | Member |
| 11. | Ch. Salman Haneef Khan | Member |
| 12. | Ms. Shazia Mubashar | Member |
| 13. | Ms. Arifa Khalid Parvez | Member |
| 14. | Ms. Belum Hasnain | Member |
| 15. | Ms. Shahida Rehmani | Member |
| 16. | Dr. Shazia Sobia | Member |
| 17. | Mr. Nasir Khan Khattak | Member |
| 18. | Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak | Member |
| 19. | Ms. Saman Sultana Jafri | Member |
| 20. | Mr. Syed Essa Nori | Member |
| 21. | Minister for Parliamentary Affairs | Ex-officio Member |

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in National Assembly, placed at **Annexure-A** in its meeting held on 17th October, 2017. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill may not be passed by the Assembly.

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(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
SECRETARY
Islamabad, the 05th January, 2018

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(DR. SHEZRA MANSAB ALI KHAN KHARAL)
CHAIRPERSON
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2016.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 29, Act LXXXV of 1976.**- In the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976), in section 29:-
 - (i) after sub-section (2) the following new sub-section and Explanation shall be added, namely.-
“(2A) A person with disability(ies), as registered and recognized by the NADRA.
Explanation: For this purpose, the Election Commission of Pakistan shall prepare separate electoral rolls of the people with disability(ies) as recognized by the NADRA for polling.”
 - (ii) in section (3), after the figure “(2)”, the words and figure “ and (2A)”, shall be added.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The disabled People are active citizens. They want to take part in the political activities, if they get opportunities. The most important one is casting the votes. However, the people with disability(ies) have to face great hurdles when they go to cast their vote, in view of the fact that building infrastructures in the country, where Election Commission of Pakistan establishes polling stations lack all such facilities which caters to the people with disability(ies). Consequently, majority the of people with disability(ies) cannot cast their votes, which practically impede their right to vote. Thus, if we give them an option of postal ballot, the people with disability(ies) will be more comfortable to take part in the elections.

Sd/-

DR. NIKHAT SHAKEEL KHAN,
MS. KISHWER ZEHRA,
MS. SAMAN SULTANA JAFRI,
MR. MUHAMMAD MUZAMMIL QURESHI,
Members, National Assembly.