

[AS PASSED BY 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 (Thirty-first Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) Except as provided in this Act, it shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 1 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 1, in clause (2),—

- (i) in paragraph (b), after semi-colon the word “and” shall be inserted;
- (ii) paragraph (c) shall be omitted; and
- (iii) paragraph (d) shall be renumbered as paragraph (c).

3. Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution, in Article 51,—

- (i) in clause (1), for the expression “three hundred and forty-two” the expression “three hundred and thirty-six” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for clause (3) and the table thereunder, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(3) The seats in the National Assembly referred to in clause (1), except the seats mentioned in clause (4), shall be allocated to each Province and the Federal Capital as under-

	General Seats	Women Seats	Total Seats
Balochistan	16	4	20
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45	10	55
Punjab	141	32	173
Sindh	61	14	75
Federal Capital	3	-	3
Total	266	60	326 ;

- (iii) after clause (3), substituted as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3A) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (3) substituted as aforesaid or any other law for the time being in force, the members of the National Assembly from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas to be elected in the General Elections, 2018 shall continue till dissolution of the National Assembly and thereafter this clause shall stand omitted.”; and

- (iv) in clause 5, the words, brackets, figure and comma “Save as provided in clause (3) in respect of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas,” shall be omitted and for the word “the” occurring for the first time, the word “The” shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of Article 59 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution, in Article 59,—

- (1) in clause (1), —
- (a) for the words “one hundred and four” the word “ninety-six” shall be substituted; and
- (b) paragraph (b) shall be omitted;
- (2) in clause (3), paragraph (b) shall be omitted; and
- (3) after clause (3) amended as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

8. Amendment of Article 246 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 246,-

- (i) in paragraph (b), the word “and”, at the end, shall be omitted;
- (ii) in paragraph (c), for the full stop at the end, a semi colon and the word “; and” shall be substituted; and
- (iii) after paragraph (c), as amended herein above, the following new paragraph shall be added, namely:-

“(d) On the commencement of the Constitution (...Amendment) Act, 2018, the areas mentioned in,-

- (i) paragraph (b),-
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (i), shall stand merged in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (ii), shall stand merged in the Province of Baluchistan; and
- (ii) paragraph (c), shall stand merged in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.”.

9. Omission of Article 247 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, Article 247 shall be omitted.