

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 11th December, 2018.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1. Mr. Riaz Fatyana	Chairman
2. Mr. Atta Ullah	Member
3. Mr. Lal Chand	Member
4. Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
5. Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
6. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
7. Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel	Member
8. Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana	Member
9. Agha Hassan Baloch	Member
10. Mr. Sher Ali Arbab	Member
11. Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
12. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif	Member
13. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Member
14. Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Member
15. Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
16. Khawaja Saad Rafique	Member
17. Syed Hussain Tariq	Member
18. Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
19. Dr. Nafisa Shah	Member
20. Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
21. Barrister Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at (Annex-A), in its meeting held on 03rd January, 2019. The Committee recommended that the Bill placed at (Annex-A) may not be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary

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RIAZ FATYANA
Chairman

Islamabad, the 25th January, 2019

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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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 appearing thereinafter;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force from the next general election.

2. **Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 106, in clause (1) for the table, the following shall be substituted:-

	General Seats	Women	Non-Muslims	Total
Balochistan	51	11	03	65
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	116	26	04	146
Punjab	297	66	08	371
Sindh	130	29	09	168

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the State is responsible to protect the rights of all citizens of the State and to give them true and just representations in all the constitutional institutions and safeguard their rights and interests. District Chitral, which is the most far flung and undeveloped / backward area of Pakistan has not been given fair representation in the present Provincial Assembly in view of the special situation of this area.

District Chitral having population of 447,362 and area 14,850 kilo meter square, has been given only one National Assembly and one Provincial Assembly seat whereas during the general elections (2013) there were two seats of the Provincial Assembly from Chitral. It is impossible for only one member of Provincial Assembly to represent the people of far flung and arduous areas.

Therefore it is imperative to restore the other seat of Provincial Assembly from Chital, so that the masses of the Province may get due representation.

This Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

Sd/-
Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali,
Member, National Assembly