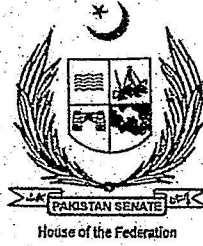
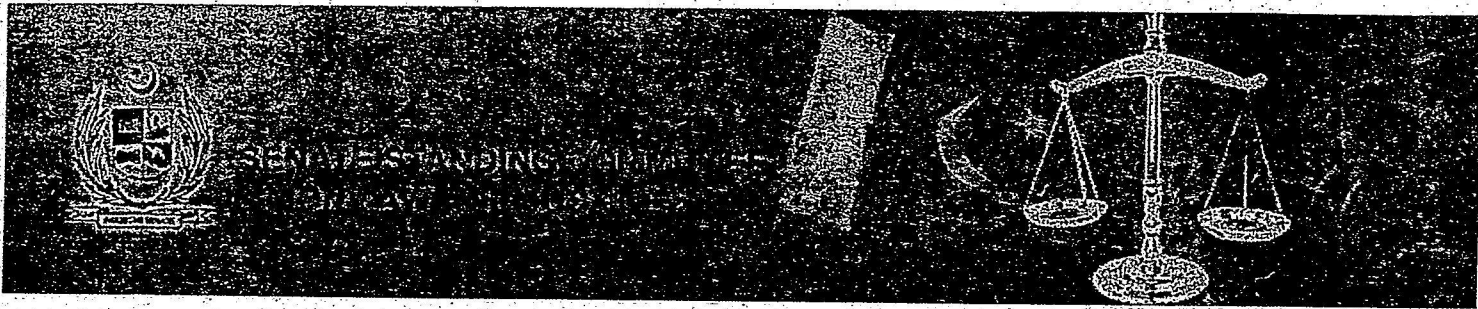


SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO 27.

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE



“THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022”

(Amendment of Article 61)

PRESENTED BY

Senator Syed Ali Zafar

Chairman

Standing Committee on Law and Justice

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON "THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022"

I, Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022" (Amendment of Article 61) moved by Senator Kauda Babar, in the Senate sitting held on 14th February, 2022, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
3.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
4.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
5.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
9.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
10.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
11.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
12.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
13.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

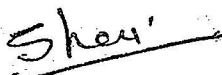
3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 15th February, 2023, under the Chairmanship of Senator Syed Ali Zafar, with the following in attendance:

1.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member/Member-In-Charge
2.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
3.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan	Member In-Charge
4.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member-In-Charge
5.	Minister of State for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

4. As the Member-in-Charge of the bill has remained absent from the meetings of the Senate Committee on Law and Justice since the bill's referral to this committee, the Committee decided

to deliberate upon the bill. The members of the Committee do not agree to this amendment in principle, and decided not to support it.

5. In the light of aforesaid, the bill, unanimously, stood not passed by the Committee. Copy of the Bill is annexed (Attached as annexure-A).



(Mir Shai Mazar Baloch)
DG/Secretary Committee



(Senator Syed Ali Zafar)
Chairman Committee

INTRODUCED ON 14-02-2022
[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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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, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 61 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 61, for the words "one hundred and ten" occurring in the last line, the word "**ninety**" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan is considered an important amendment with the most far-reaching consequences. It restored the parliamentary character of the Constitution, redefined the Parliament and judiciary's relationship by proposing parliamentary oversight on high judicial appointments and devolved several important functions to Provincial Assemblies and governments. This decentralization of responsibility and authority of the Federal Government to the provinces provided the framework in which provincial assemblies renegotiated their roles with respect to the legislative competence and oversight of the executives of respective Units. This amendment aims at decreasing the number of days for sessions of the Senate to ninety days, as the subjects for legislation and oversight of the executive are devolved to the provinces by reducing the role of Parliament.

SENATOR KAUDA BABAR
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE