

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

A
BILL

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 (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 177 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 177, in clause (2), after the words "citizen of Pakistan", the word "only" shall be inserted and in paragraph (b), for the full stop, at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso and explanation shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided that a Judge of the Supreme Court holding dual nationality or citizenship of a foreign country shall renounce the same within sixty days of the coming into force of the Constitution (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 2013.

Explanation.- The term "renounce" shall mean the filing of a bonafide, irrevocable and irreversible declaration in writing by the person mentioned in this proviso, as required by the law of foreign State, with regard to giving up of the foreign citizenship or nationality."

3. Amendment of Article 193 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 193, in clause (2), after the words "citizen of Pakistan", the word "only" shall be inserted and in paragraph (c), for the full stop, at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso and explanation shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided that a Judge of a High Court holding dual nationality or citizenship of a foreign country shall renounce the same within sixty days of the coming into force of the Constitution (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 2013.

Explanation.- The term “renounce” shall mean the filing of a bonafide, irrevocable and irreversible declaration in writing by the person mentioned in this proviso, as required by the law of foreign State, with regard to giving up of the foreign citizenship or nationality.”.

4. Amendment of Article 240 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, Article 240 shall be renumbered as clause (1) thereof and after clause (1) renumbered as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“(2) A person in the Service of Pakistan shall not hold dual nationality or citizenship of any foreign country:

Provided that a person in the Service of Pakistan holding dual nationality or citizenship of a foreign country shall renounce the same within sixty days of the coming into force of the Constitution (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 2013.

Explanation.- The term “renounce” shall mean the filing of a bonafide, irrevocable and irreversible declaration in writing by the person mentioned in this proviso, as required by the law of foreign State, with regard to giving up of the foreign citizenship or nationality.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

All public office holders – be they elected representatives, civil servants, armed forces personnel or judges – must have all their stakes in the country in which they hold positions of power, privilege and trust.

The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.

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