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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, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 1 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 1, after clause (3), the following new clause shall be added, namely: -

“(4) Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) may by law, carve out or create new Provinces from the existing limits of an existing Province or redraw the boundaries of more than one Provinces to create a new Province, subject to the will of the majority of that District/Tehsil (administrative unit) being affected and the provisions of Article 239 (4) regarding approval of the respective Provincial Assembly.

Explanation.- No District/Tehsil (administrative unit) shall be reallocated to another Province or be made part of any newly created Province without the consent of the majority of its people.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Constitutional amendment is designed to empower the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) to “create” new Provinces. Most of the Political Parties have committed to creation of new Provinces in their election manifestos of 2013 General Elections, hence this amendment to empower the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) to “create” new Provinces to allow the Political Parties to follow up on their election manifestos.

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