

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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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 (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 24 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 24, in clause (3), for paragraph (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(c) the subjects of the evacuee, enemy and abandoned properties stand transferred to an elected Board of seventeen members chosen by the relevant, affected victims and / or their legal heirs, whose similar properties were taken over by India in the aftermath 1947 and 1965 and by Bangladesh, after 1971:

Provided that till the members are chosen, the President shall nominate the members from amongst the Parliamentarians who qualify to be the members of the Board and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan and Army Chief may also nominate two representatives each to be member of the Board.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the amendment is to protect the affected victims of exodus, displacement, replacement and exchange of population whose properties were taken over similarly by the Governments of India and Bangladesh after the events in 1947, 1965 and 1971 respectively and ensure their participation in the affairs of the management and control over the properties taken over by the Government of Pakistan in exchange of their properties and for them.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objective.

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