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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, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of Article 253A in the Constitution.**— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, after Article 253, the following new Article 253A shall be inserted, namely:-

**"253A. Prohibition to purchase immovable property by non-citizens.**— A person who is not a citizen of Pakistan shall not be entitled, to own or purchase immovable property in Pakistan:

Provided that the Federal Government may allow non-citizens to possess immovable property in Pakistan through mortgage, lease, will, or through any other instrument for a period not exceeding twenty years."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan guarantees right to the citizens of Pakistan to acquire, hold, or dispose of property in any part of the country. However there is no protection to immovable property from those who are not the citizens of Pakistan. Due to the current influx of foreigners and foreign investors in Pakistan, there is danger of purchase of excessive land by the foreigners. This is dangerous for the social and cultural aspects and for the security of Pakistan. Through the instant amendment, the foreigners will be prohibited from owning and purchasing land in Pakistan. Similarly, they will be prohibited from entering into agreement which bestow on them the right to possess immovable property for more than twenty years. This will protect the country from any danger aimed at the social, cultural or security aspect of Pakistan.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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