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A
BILL

further to amend the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of 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 51 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution of Islamic the Republic of Pakistan, in Article 51,-

(i) in clause (1), for the expression "three hundred and thirty-six", the expression, "three hundred and thirty-seven" shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (3), in the table,-

(a) against the entry "Federal Capital" in the first column,-

(i) in the third column, the figure "1" shall be inserted; and

(ii) in the fourth column, for the figure "3", the figure "4" shall be substituted;

(b) against the entry "Total" in the first column,-

(i) in the third column, for the figure "60", the figure "61" shall be substituted; and

(ii) in the fourth column, for the figure "326", the figure "327" shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (6),-

(a) in paragraph (b), -

(i) after the expression "Province", the expression " and Federal Capital" shall be inserted; and

(ii) after the expression "Provinces", the expression " and Federal Capital" shall be inserted;

(b) in paragraph (d),-

(a) after the expression "Province", the expression "and Federal Capital" shall be inserted; and

(b) after the expression "concerned", the expression "or Federal Capital" shall be inserted;

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Article 1(2-b) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan declares Islamabad Capital Territory as a separate entity from the provinces, so as a separate territory, there must be women representation from this territory from both houses of Parliament of Pakistan. The Parliament comprises the Senate and the National Assembly. The Senate has allocated a seat, but at the same time, National Assembly, has not reserved any seat for women from the Federal Capital. Moreover, the Article 25(3) of the Constitution provides that State can make laws for development, prosperity and development of women, being vulnerable and weak segment of our society. In order to achieve this purpose, a constitutional amendment is required. Hence, this Bill.

2. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE