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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, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 62 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 62, in clause (1), after paragraph (c), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ca) he possesses a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline or any equivalent degree, recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan under Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. LIII of 2002).”

3. Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 63, in clause (1), after paragraph (c), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ca) he does not hold a Bachelor’s or any equivalent degree, recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan under Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. LIII of 2002).”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Parliament and Provincial Assemblies comprised of members across the country, to represent the interest and will of the people of Pakistan. The Members of Senate, National Assembly, and Provincial Assemblies of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan are elected by the people to work for their economic well-being, emotional development, access to a quality life and future prospects for a balanced and prosperous living. This purpose can only be achieved when persons who are elected to such posts are moderately educated, understand the common people’s sufferings and are able to solve their economic problems in an effective and efficient manner. Hence, the proposal to make graduation level degree compulsory, as amendments to Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution, has been brought for the persons who want to contest for elections to the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies.

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

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