

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 24

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LAW AND JUSTICE



“THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022”

(Amendment of Article 51)

PRESENTED BY

Senator Syed Ali Zafar

Chairman

Standing Committee on Law and Justice

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022" (Amendment of Article 51) moved by Senator Fawzia Arshad, in the Senate sitting held on 10th October, 2022, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
3.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
4.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
5.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
9.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
10.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
11.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
12.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
13.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

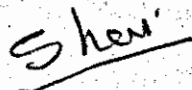
3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 14th December, 2022, under the Chairmanship of Senator Syed Ali Zafar, with the following in attendance:

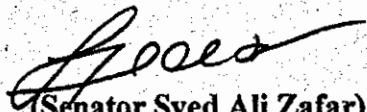
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5.	Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan	Member-In-Charge
6.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan	Member In-Charge

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| 7. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Member-In-Charge |
| 8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member-In-Charge |
| 9. Senator Fawzia Arshad | Member-In-Charge |
| 10. Minister for Law and Justice | Ex-Officio Member |

4. The Committee appreciated the honorable Senator's endeavor and intention to propose an amendment in the Constitution, to provide representation to the women in the National Assembly from Islamabad Capital Territory, and supported the bill and recommended that "Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022," as introduced, may be passed by the Senate.

5. Afterwards, the Committee decided to vote upon the said bill, and all members supported the bill, and subsequently the bill, stood passed unanimously. Copy of the Bill is annexed (Attached as annexure-B).


(Mir Shai Mazar Baloch)
DG/Secretary Committee


(Senator Syed Ali Zafar)
Chairman Committee

INTRODUCED ON 10.10.2022.

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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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:-

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

**SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE
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