



SENATE SECRETARIAT

Report No. 5

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE



“THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022” (AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 62)

PRESENTED BY

**Senator Farooq Hamid Naek
Chairman
Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present report on "The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022" (Amendment of Article 62) introduced by Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan, in the Senate sitting held on 3rd October, 2022. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice is as under:-

1.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
3.	Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
6.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
7.	Senator Khalil Tahir	Member
8.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
9.	Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro	Member
10.	Senator Hamid Khan	Member
11.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 1st November, 2024, under the Chairmanship of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, which was attended by the following hon'ble Members:-

1.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
3.	Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
6.	Senator Khalil Tahir	Member
7.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
8.	Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro	Member
9.	Senator Hamid Khan	Member



4. Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan, Member in-Charge withdrew the Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2022 (Amendment of Article 62), introduced in the Senate on 3rd October, 2022. Therefore, the Committee approved presentation of report on the said Bill with the recommendation the member may be granted leave to withdraw the Bill.

5. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the House may grant leave to Member-in-Charge to withdraw "The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022", in terms of rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.



(RABEEA ANWAR)
A.S / Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK)
Chairman

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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, 2022.

(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, in Article 62, in clause (1), in sub-clause (f), for the expression "honest and ameen," the expression "veracious and devoted," shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution, a person may be qualified or elected as a Member of Parliament provided he has adequate knowledge of Islam and is essentially 'Sadiq and Ameen' (Honest and Righteous). In literal terms, Sadiq is a qualitative metaphor used for one who has never spoken a lie. Ameen refers to one who has never breached anyone's trust. These two words are used in Arabic as lagab for Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) for his unprecedented truthfulness and honesty which no man can practice and reach the level.

2. Article 62(1) (f) of the Constitution imposes Islamic ethical conditions for eligibility of a candidate for election to the Parliament but these are made applicable to both Muslim as well as non-Muslim candidates for Parliamentary membership. In this regard current code of conduct of the members of United Kingdom can be a good example as the universality of standards of honorable conduct in public life in the contemporary democratic world, irrespective of faith or culture, makes it plausible for all candidates for the Parliament including non-Muslim candidates to be eligible.

3. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

**SENATOR PALWASHA MOHAMMED ZAI KHAN
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**