

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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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, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 140A of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 140A, for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(1) The Federal Government and each Province shall, by law, establish a local government system and devolve political, administrative and financial responsibility and authority to the elected representatives of the local governments, in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Cantonments, and each of the Provinces respectively.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

To give Constitutional cover to the Local Government System in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Cantonments just like the Provinces, and to enable the residents of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Cantonments to enjoy their Constitutional rights of devolution of political, administrative and financial authority from their local elected representatives just like the residents of the provinces and to end the discrimination against the residents of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Cantonments, this amendment is proposed.

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