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BILL

further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973

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, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 63, in clause (1), for paragraph (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(c) he ceases to be a citizen of Pakistan or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State:

Provided that if a Member of the Parliament acquires citizenship of foreign State he shall renounce the citizenship or nationality of such other State before filing his nomination papers; or”.

3. Amendment of Article 177 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 177, in clause (2), in paragraph (b) for the full stop occurring at the end a colon “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following new proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that if a Judge of Supreme Court acquires citizenship of foreign State he shall renounce the citizenship or nationality of such other State before taking oath.”.

4. Amendment of Article 193 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 193, in clause (2), in paragraph (c) for the full stop occurring at the end a colon “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that if a Judge of High Court acquires citizenship of foreign State he shall renounce the citizenship or nationality of such other State before taking oath.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In order to ensure the allegiance of holder of highest public offices like members of legislatures and higher judiciary, it is to be made incumbent upon them to have the exclusive citizenship of Pakistan. It would ensure their unfettered loyalty with the motherland, which may otherwise probably be undermined with dual nationality.

2. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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