

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
LAW AND JUSTICE**



**“THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017”  
(AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 37)**

**Report No. 47**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI  
CHAIRMAN**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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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, 2017” (Amendment of Article 37) introduced by Senator Hafiz Hamdullah on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. 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:-

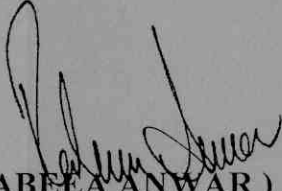
1.	<b>Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
3.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
5.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
6.	Senator Nehal Hashmi	Member
7.	Senator Ms. Ayesha Kaza Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi	Member
9.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
10.	Senator Zaheer ud Din Babar Awan	Member
11.	Senator Mrs. Zahida Khan	Member
12.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
13.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, under the Chairmanship of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi. Final consideration of the Bill was held in the meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, which was attended by the following members:-

- i. **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**
- ii. Senator Saleem Zia
- iii. Senator Dr. Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
- iv. Senator Nehal Hashmi
- v. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek

4. The Member-in-Charge of the Bill did not attend any of the meetings, therefore, the Committee in terms of Standing Order No. 2.23 disposed off the Bill.

5. In view of the above mentioned the Committee recommends that "The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017" (Amendment of Article 37), may be dropped/ excluded from the pending business.



(RABEEA ANWAR)  
J.S / Secretary Committee



( SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI)  
Chairman

**INTRODUCED ON 06-03-2017**

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*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, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas "and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious purposes" shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

1. That due to existing paragraph (h) of Article 37 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the minorities of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult and discrimination.

2. That all the minorities are agreed that none of any religion is allowing the consumption of alcoholic liquor for the religious purposes.

3. That all the religions existing in Pakistan are facing criminal proceedings and cases due to this paragraph and local police in all over the country registering fake, false, frivolous cases against the minorities, this is the one of the reason for the amendment of the said paragraph of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

4. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**SENATOR MAULANA HAFIZ HAMDULLAH**  
Member-in-Charge