

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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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, 1973 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, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 30 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 30, clause (2), shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause (2) of Article 30 which is proposed to omit is as under;
"The validity of an action or of law shall not be called in question on the ground that it is not in accordance with the Principles of Policy, and no action shall lie against the state, any organ or authority of the state or any person on such ground."

The Principles of Policy Articles cover different aspects of national life such as; promotion of Islamic way of life; local government institutions; discouragement of parochial and other prejudices; enabling women's participation in national life; protection of family and minorities; promotion of social justice and eradication of social evils and promotion of socio-economic well-being of citizens and eradication of Riba; participation of people in armed forces, strengthening bonds with Muslim world and promoting international peace.

The object of the aforesaid amendment is to remove any type of doubt regarding the deciding whether any action of an organ or authority of the State, or of a person performing functions on behalf of an organ or authority of the State is in accordance with the law or not?

The Bill is aimed to obtain the above-cited objectives.

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