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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 purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 1 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 1, in clause (2) in paragraph (a), after the word "Punjab", the comma and words ",Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab" shall be inserted and thereunder the following Explanation shall be inserted.

**"Explanation.-** The Province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab shall comprise of territories of Multan, Bahawalpur and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions and the Districts of Minawali and Bhakkar."

**3. Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.-** (1) In the Constitution, in Article 51, in clause (1), for the words "three hundred and thirty-six", the words "three hundred and forty-six" shall be substituted.

(2) In clause (3), in the table,-

(a) for the entries relating to "Punjab", in the first, second, third and fourth columns, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

"Punjab	101	23	124";
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(b) after the entries relating to "Punjab" substituted as aforesaid, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:-

"Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab	47	12	59"; and
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(c) for the entries relating to "Total", in the first, second, third and fourth columns, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

"Total	273	63	336".
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**4. Amendment of Article 59 of the Constitution.-** (1) In the Constitution, in Article 59, in clause (1),-

- (a) for the words "ninety-six", the words "one hundred and nineteen" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in paragraph (f), for the word "four", the word "five" shall be substituted.

(2) In clause (3), in paragraph (f), for the word "two" occurring for the second time the word "three" shall be substituted.

(3) Clause (4) shall be renumbered as clause (5) of that Article and before clause (5) renumbered as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(4) The seats of members enhanced through the Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2019, shall be filled within ninety days of the commencement of the said Act and the members to be elected on those seats shall retire on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021".

**5. Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution, in Article 106, in clause (1), in the table, -

- (a) for the entries relating to "Punjab" in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth columns the following shall be substituted, namely:-

Punjab      199                      44      5      248"

- (b) after the entries relating to "Punjab" substituted as aforesaid, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:-

"Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab                      98      22      3      123"

**6. Amendment of Article 175A of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution, in Article 175A, after clause (6), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"6A.- For initial appointment of the Chief Justice and the Judges of the Province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab, the Chief Justice of the four Provincial High Courts shall also be members of the Commission".

**7. Amendment of Article 198 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution, in Article 198,-

- (i) in clause (3), for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that the word “each” occurring for the first time and the words and comma “Bahawalpur, Multan and”, on the commencement of the Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2019, shall stand omitted,”; and

- (ii) after clause (4), the following new clause shall be added, namely:-

“(4a) Where a High Court is established in a new Province it shall have its principal seat and Benches at such places as the Governor may determine in consultation with the Chief Justice of such High Court.”.

**8. Amendment of Article 218 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution, in Article 218, in clause (2), in paragraph (b), for the word “four” the word “five” shall be substituted.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Bill is designed to create a new province of Bahawalpur-Janoobi Punjab out of the existing province of Punjab to meet the long standing demand of the people of this area.

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