

[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, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 51,-

(i) in clause (1) for the words, "three hundred and thirty six", the words, "three hundred and fifty three" shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (3) and the Table thereunder, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(3) The seats in the National Assembly referred to in clause (1), except the seats mentioned in clause (4), shall be allocated to each Province and the Federal Capital as under:-

	General Seats	Women Seats	Total Seats
Balochistan	30	7	37
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45	10	55
Punjab	141	32	173
Sindh	61	14	75
Federal Capital	3	-	3
Total	280	63	343"

3. Amendment of Article 106 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 106,-

(i) in clause (1), in the table, for the word, "Balochistan", in the first column and the entries thereto in the second, third, fourth and fifth columns, the followings shall be substituted, namely:-

"Balochistan 64 13 3 80"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to the 1998 census, the population of Balochistan was 6.5 million and there were only 51 seats allotted to the province at that time. The latest census figures have revealed that the population in Balochistan has risen to 12.3 million over the last 20 years but the number of seats still remains the same. Furthermore, meagre increase of two seats in lieu of Balochistan's share in the National Assembly has failed to give due representation to the people of this area. Therefore, increase of seats in the National Assembly and Provincial Assembly of Balochistan will address the deprivation of the people of Balochistan by giving them their due share of representation and their resolve of fighting the national security challenges.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

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