

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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*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, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution:-** In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 63, in clause (1), in paragraph (c), the comma and words “, or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State” shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pakistan is one such country which permits the holding of a dual citizenship/nationality. Many countries of the world permit the holding of dual nationalities/citizenships. A direct result of this is that in those countries persons holding dual nationalities/citizenships can exercise the right to vote and can also run for Parliamentary elections. Our country's economy has always been considerably supported by overseas Pakistanis, whose allegiance to Pakistan should not be in doubt. It has been along-standing demand of the overseas Pakistanis that there should be no impediment in their way to run for the Parliament. They are deeply concerned with events in Pakistan and are keen to play an effective role and want to contribute to national cause. Therefore, through amendment in Article 63(1)(c), the Constitutional bar on the dual nationality holders to be members of the Parliament is being lifted.

The bill is designed to achieve the said object.

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