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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 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 63A of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 63A, in clause (1), in paragraph (b), in sub-paragraph (iii), the words "or a Constitution (Amendment) Bill" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Supremacy of the Constitution is the basis of Pakistan's Constitutional and political system. Parliament exercises supremacy within the jurisdiction assigned to it by the Constitution.

2. The existing provision under sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of clause (1) of Article 63A, does not allow members of the Parliament to vote in according with their conscience on a matter of Constitutional amendment. It negates the spirit of the Constitution and the supremacy of the parliament and needs to be amended. Hence the need for this amendment.

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