

[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, in the manner, 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 153 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 153, in clause (2), in paragraph (c), for the full stop occurring at the end a "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided that the members nominated by the Prime Minister shall be one from each Province other than the Province from where the Prime Minister was elected as a Member of the National Assembly."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Council of Common Interests is a Constitutional body created for the purposes of taking all decisions with regard to Part-II of the Legislative Lists. The spirit behind establishing such a Constitutional body is to ensure a meaningful consultative process between the Federal and Provincial Governments in the decision making process in respect of matters mentioned in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List. It is therefore expedient to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as the Provinces are not given adequate representation in the Council and this amendment will strengthen the Federation.

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