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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, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 61 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 61, for the words "one hundred and ten" occurring in the last line, the word "**ninety**" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan is considered an important amendment with the most far-reaching consequences. It restored the parliamentary character of the Constitution, redefined the Parliament and judiciary's relationship by proposing parliamentary oversight on high judicial appointments and devolved several important functions to Provincial Assemblies and governments. This decentralization of responsibility and authority of the Federal Government to the provinces provided the framework in which provincial assemblies renegotiated their roles with respect to the legislative competence and oversight of the executives of respective Units. This amendment aims at decreasing the number of days for sessions of the Senate to ninety days, as the subjects for legislation and oversight of the executive are devolved to the provinces by reducing the role of Parliament.

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MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**