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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 62 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 62, in clause (1), in sub-clause (f), for the expression "honest and ameen," the expression "veracious and devoted," shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution, a person may be qualified or elected as a Member of Parliament provided he has adequate knowledge of Islam and is essentially 'Sadiq and Ameen' (Honest and Righteous). In literal terms, Sadiq is a qualitative metaphor used for one who has never spoken a lie. Ameen refers to one who has never breached anyone's trust. These two words are used in Arabic as lagab for Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) for his unprecedented truthfulness and honesty which no man can practice and reach the level.

2. Article 62(1) (f) of the Constitution imposes Islamic ethical conditions for eligibility of a candidate for election to the Parliament but these are made applicable to both Muslim as well as non-Muslim candidates for Parliamentary membership. In this regard current code of conduct of the members of United Kingdom can be a good example as the universality of standards of honorable conduct in public life in the contemporary democratic world, irrespective of faith or culture, makes it plausible for all candidates for the Parliament including non-Muslim candidates to be eligible.

3. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

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