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A
BILL

further to amend the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of 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 215 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 215, in clause (1), for the first and second provisos, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided that four of the members, shall retire after expiration of first two and a half years and four shall retire after the expiration of the next two and half years, with equal proportion of men and women:

Provided further that the Commission shall for the first term of office of members draw a lot as to which four members, with equal proportion of men and women, shall retire after the first two and a half years:"

3. Amendment of Article 218 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 218, in clause (2), for paragraph (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) eight members, two from each province with one being woman, each of whom shall be a person who has been a judge of a High Court or has been a senior civil servant or is a technocrat and is not more than sixty-five years of age, to be appointed by the President in the manner provided for appointment of the Commissioner in clauses (2A) and (2B) of Article 213.

Explanation.- "senior civil servant" and "technocrat" shall have the same meaning as given in clause (2) of Article 213."

4. Amendment of Article 228 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 228, in clause (3), for paragraph (d), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(d) at least two of the members are women."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per Census 2017, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics declared 207,684,626 as total population of Pakistan, out of which, 106,318,220 and 101,344,632 are male and female respectively. As the female population is continuously increasing, there is a need to increase representation of women population in government and private authorities, bodies, commissions, councils and tribunals all over Pakistan.

2. As female participation is meager and not adequate, so, efforts should be enhanced for said purpose. Moreover, as per the Constitution of Pakistan, there is no specific provision regarding female membership in the Election Commission of Pakistan, thus, the same may be provided. In addition, Council of Islamic Ideology comprises of only one female member, and same ought to be increased. Hence, this bill has been proposed to increase women participation in both of these institutes, which would be an effective contribution to the development and prosperity of Pakistan.

3. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

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