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**A
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 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, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 142 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 142,-

(i) in paragraph (b), the phrase "and a Provincial Assembly" shall be omitted; and

(ii) for paragraph (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(c) A Provincial Assembly shall have power to make laws with respect to any matter not enumerated in the Federal Legislative List;"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In light of concurrent status of the subjects of criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence, every Provincial Government makes changes in criminal laws as per their approach and desire. For dispensation of justice, it is the need of hour to bring uniformity in criminal laws throughout Pakistan. This can be achieved only, if these subjects remain solely with the Federal Government to make laws on, which are homogeneously applicable in all provinces and regions of Pakistan. This is the only way, to convict and punish persons, involved in criminal offences, in any part of this country in the manner, provided solely by the Federal Government. Hence, this amendment has been brought to address this purpose in the greater national interest.

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

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**SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMAD
MEMBER IN CHARGE**