

[TO BE 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 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, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 228 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 228, in clause (3), in paragraph (d), for the expression "one member is a woman", the expression "three members are women" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistan ranks second worst, better only than Afghanistan, on the Gender Gap Index in the 2022 World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report. It is the country in which women have the smallest share of senior, managerial and legislative roles, at 4.5 per cent. Today, women constitute nearly half of the population of Pakistan, but they comprise only 20 per cent of the National Assembly. Of those 70 women 60 are in the seats reserved for women and religious minorities (by appointment), while only 10 women, just 3 percent of parliamentarians, have been elected to a general seat.

2. The state of representation of women within political parties, at the national and provincial levels, is also dismal. Hence, this Bill.

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