

[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 153 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 153, in clause (2), in paragraph (c), after phrase "three members", the phrase "including one woman" shall be inserted.

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 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 percent 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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