

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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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, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 81 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 81, in sub para (iv) of paragraph (a) for the word "and" the comma "," shall be substituted and after the words "Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly", the words "and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly and Senate", shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Leader of the Opposition is one of the most significant pillar of Parliamentary democracy. A House is incomplete without Leader of the Opposition. According to the scheme of the expenditure all respectable offices are treated as charged on the Federal consolidated Fund. As mentioned in Article 81, besides others the remuneration payable to Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court, Chief Election Commission, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly are charged upon Federal Consolidated Fund.

This Bill proposes that remuneration of the Leader of the Opposition should also be treated as charged expenditure, it will enhance the importance of Leader of the Opposition which will strengthen the Democracy.

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