

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

Further to amend the Representation of the people Act, 1976

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (LXXXV of 1976) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**-(1) This Act may be called the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 103 AA, Act LXXXV of 1976.**- In the Representation of the People Act, 1976 (No. LXXXV of 1976), in section 103AA, after sub-section (1), the following new sub-section, shall be inserted and the existing sub-sections, (2) and (3) shall be renumbered as (3) and (4).

“(2). If the Commission is satisfied as provided in sub-section (1) that in any constituency the women voters have been restrained by any means to cast their votes or women voters have been disfranchised by threat, coercion or by any kind of understanding, promise or by any agreement in between any group, tribe or political parties, the Commission shall declare election of such constituency void in accordance with sub-section (1).”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Women are prevented from casting their votes in most of the areas in the country during election to the National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies etc. in this way, half of the population of the country is deprived of their fundamental rights of franchise as guaranteed in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. This Bill seeks to protect their fundamental rights and enable them to use their rights of vote and express their opinion freely.

2. This Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

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