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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 purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the constitution (Twenty-Second Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come in force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 63 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic republic of Pakistan, in Article 63, in clause (1), in paragraph (c), the comma and the words “ , or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State” shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per Article 25 of the Constitution discrimination is not permissible. Even otherwise every citizen of Pakistan has equal political rights as per various Articles of the Constitution. Our country's economy has always been considerably supported by overseas Pakistanis, whose allegiance to Pakistan should not be in doubt. It has been a long-standing demand of the overseas Pakistanis that there should be no impediment in their way to run for elections for the Parliament. They are deeply concerned with events in Pakistan and are keen to play an effective role and want to contribute to national cause. Therefore, through proposed amendment in Article 63(1)(c), the constitutional bar on the dual nationality holders to be members of the Parliament is required to be lifted.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.

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