

NATIONAL PARTY (NP)

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendment

53. (1) No amendment of this Constitution which affects the democratic form of government, the supremacy of the Constitution, the existence of a justiciable bill of rights, the existence of three distinct levels of government, and the independence and review powers of the courts is admissible.

(2) Subject to subsections (1), (3) and (4), the Constitution may be amended by a Bill passed by Parliament if it is adopted at a joint sitting of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces by at least two thirds of the total number of members of the Houses.

(3) (a) A Bill amending sections 154 to 160 of the Constitution [*the legislative and executive powers of the provinces*] must be passed separately by both Houses by at least two thirds of the total number of members of each House.

(b) The boundaries and legislative and executive powers of a particular province in terms of the Constitution may not be amended without the consent of the provincial legislature of that province.

(4) A Bill amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, chapter 2 and this subsection must be passed by Parliament at a joint sitting of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces by at least seventy-five percent of the total number of members of both Houses.

2. Review committee

53A. There must be a committee of Parliament composed of members of every party in Parliament which must review the Constitution and must report to Parliament annually on possible amendments to the Constitution.