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ORDINANCE NO. XIII OF 2018

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*further to amend the Elections Act, 2017*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS existing provision of section 6(3) of the Elections Act, 2017 authorizes the Election Commission to constitute a bench comprising three or more members of the Commission to hear and decide complaints, applications, petitions or appeal etc. but due to said provision only one bench can be constituted since the total number of members of the Commission including the Chairman is five. The Commission is, therefore, facing immense difficulty in disposing of higher numbers of such complaints, petitions or appeals etc. through a single bench. Hence, the instant amendment is necessary to take immediate action to facilitate the Commission for constitution of more benches to effectively dispose of such complaints, petitions or appeals etc.;

AND WHEREAS the Senate is not in session and the National Assembly stands dissolved at the expiration of its term of five years on the 31st day of May, 2018 in pursuance of Article 52 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Ordinance may be called the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), in section 6, in sub-section (3), for the word “three” the word “two” shall be substituted.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Existing provision of Section 6(3) of the Elections Act, 2017 authorizes the Election Commission to constitute a bench comprising three or more members of the Commission to hear and decide complaints, applications, petitions or appeal etc.

2. The Commission faces immense difficulty in disposing of higher numbers of such appeals / complaints etc through a single bench. Hence, the instant amendment is incorporated into the act to facilitate the Commission for constitution of more benches to effectively dispose of such complaints/petitions/ appeal.

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