

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ON THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019.

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Ordinance No.1 of 2019) referred to Standing Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following members: -

1. Mr. Mujahid Ali	Chairman
2. Mr. Junaid Akbar	Member
3. Mr. Jawad Hussain	Member
4. Mr. Mansoor Hayat Khan	Member
5. Mr. Aftab Hussain Siddiqui	Member
6. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
7. Ms. Rukhsana Naveed	Member
8. Mst. Shaheen Naz Saifullah	Member
9. Ms. Zille Huma	Member
10. Ms. Fouzia Behram	Member
11. Mr. Moonis Elahi	Member
12. Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Member
13. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Member
14. Rana Mubashir Iqbal	Member
15. Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan Kanju	Member
16. Mr. Aftab Shahban Mirani	Member
17. Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
18. Ms. Shams-Un-Nisa	Member
19. Mr. Mahesh Kumar Malani	Member
20. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali	Member
21. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly placed at Annex-A, in its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-  
(MUJAHID ALI)  
Chairman

Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Sd/-  
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)  
Secretary  
Islamabad, the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019

**[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]**

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**BILL**

*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;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1 **Short title and commencement.** - (f) This Act may be called the Elections (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 20, Act XXXIII of 2017. - In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), in section 20, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section, shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2A). For the purpose of delimiting constituencies, for the general seats of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Tribal Areas two or more separate areas may be grouped into one constituency for their elections to be held in 2019 and bye-elections related thereto and thereafter this sub-section shall stand omitted.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pursuant to 25<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment, the Election Commission is obliged to conduct elections on 16 general seats of erstwhile FATA including Frontier Regions for the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa before 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. The Election Commission of Pakistan is facing great difficulty in delimiting the six ex-Frontier Regions, which have been annexed by the Provincial Government with other adjoining districts.

2. Section 20 (2) of the Elections Act, 2017 provides that the Election Commission may while delimiting constituencies for the general seats in the National Assembly for the Tribal Areas, group two or more separate areas into one constituency. In order to avert disenfranchisement of ex-Tribal areas including its non-contiguous Frontier Regions, the Commission suggested to insert identical provision for delimitation of general seats of newly allocated Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for erstwhile FATA.

3. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**MR. ALI MUHAMMAD KAHN,  
Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs**