

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, 15th July, 2021; 55th meeting of the **Standing Committee on Law and Justice** was held today under the **Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA** at 02:00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 7, (4th Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.

- 2) The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda.
- 3) The Committee Considered the Bills "**The Legal Practitioners and Bar Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Section 5) Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA. The Legal Practitioners and Bar Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 Mr. Sher Akbar Khan MNA. The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Section 5 and schedule) Mr. Mohsin Dawar, MNA.** After detail deliberations the Committee referred the matter to the Pakistan Bar Council with recommendation's to finally devise the proper formula after consultation of all the Bar Councils for enhancement of seats of Bar Councils. The proposal for enhancement must contained rationalized formula for enhancement. Recommendations of Pakistan Bar Council must be sent to this committee within 60 days positively. The Committee also unanimously approved the incorporation of the new section in the given Act, about streamlining the Elections for all Bar Associations.
- 4) The Committee did not consider the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Article 11 and 25A) Mr. Amjaid Ali Khan, MNA;** due to non-availability of the Mover and deferred the same.
- 5) The Committee considered the Bill "**The High Courts (Establishment) (Amendment) Bill. Mr. Mohsin Dawar, MNA.;** and referred the same to the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, with recommendation that it will provide a comprehensive formula for enhancement of number of judges in all provinces, based on rationalize formula by keeping in view the number of pending cases. Recommendations of Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan shall reach the committee within one month. It was also recommended by the Committee that the Ministry of Law and Justice shall provide details about the total number of posts of judges in High Courts and Supreme Courts along with

pending cases before each court. The said details shall be provided to the Committee within 30 days.

- 6) The Committee considered the Bill "**The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Section 2, 6, & 9A) Ms. Uzma Riaz, MNA;** and deferred the same with recommendation that, Secretary Ministry of Law and Justice shall arrange a meeting of the Mover with Minister for Law and justice for discussion on the Bill.
- 7) The Committee considered the Bill "**The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2021 Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA;** after detail deliberations the Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill as amended by the Committee may be passed by the Assembly.
- 8) The Committee considered the agenda, **Discussion on Judicial Reforms,** it was recommended by the Committee that the Vice Chairman Pakistan Bar Council, and Ministry shall provide proposals to the Committee in writing for the fair and competition-based process of recruitment of Judges in Pakistan.
- 9) Hon. Members/MNAs Mr. Lal Chand, Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik, Ms. Kishwar Zehra, Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel, Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Mr. Qadir Khan Mandokhail, Dr. Nafeesa shah, Ms. Aliya Kamran and Mr. Mohsin Dawar, Mr. Sher Akbar Khan MNA, Ms. Uzma Riaz MNA, Secretary Ministry of Law and Justice, Representatives of Ministry of Human Rights, Vice Chairman, Pakistan Bar Council, President Islamabad High Court Bar Association, along with their staff attended the meeting.


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