

[AS PASSED BY THE MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT)]

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BILL

further to amend the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (XXI of 1974), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Electoral Rolls (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act XXI of 1974.- In the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (XXI of 1974), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:-

"(2a) "local government" means the local government established under a Federal or a Provincial law relating to local government;

(2b) "local government law" means a Federal or a Provincial law relating to local government;"

3. Amendment of section 4, Act XXI of 1974.- In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-section (1),-

(a) after the word "Assembly" a comma shall be inserted and the word "and" occurring thereafter shall be omitted; and

(b) after the word "Assemblies" the words "and local governments" shall be inserted.

4. Insertion of new section, Act XXI of 1974.- In the said Act, after section 4 amended as aforesaid, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"4A. Procedure of Commission.- The Commission shall regulate its own procedure.

5. Amendment of section 27, Act XXI of 1974.- In the said Act, in section 27,-

- (a) in the heading for the word "Commissioner's" the word "Commission's" shall be substituted; and
- (b) for the word "Commissioner", the word "Commission", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under Article 140A of the Constitution the power to hold election of the local governments stand vested in the Election Commission of Pakistan. In order to bring the local governments elections within the purview of the Election Commission of Pakistan necessary amendment is being made in the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (XXI of 1974).

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

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Minister-In-Charge