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further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973, [Act XXXV of 1973] for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2017.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 5 Act XXXV of 1973.**- In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2) in clause (a), for the figures "07" corresponding to "Balochistan Bar Council" the figure "08" shall be substituted.
3. **Amendment of Schedule Act XXXV of 1973.**- In the said Act, in Schedule, district wise allocation of seats in respect of "Balochistan Bar Council" shall be substituted with the following:-

"BALOCHISTAN BAR COUNCIL

GROUP OF DISTRICTS-I

Name of districts	Seats
Quetta + Chaghi + Noshki + Pishin + Killa Abdullah	04

GROUP OF DISTRICTS-II

Name of districts	Seats
Zhob + Loralai +Killa Saifullah + Ziarat + Musakhel + Barkhran	01

GROUP OF DISTRICTS-III

Name of districts	Seats
Kech + Panjgor + Gawadar + Lasbela	01

GROUP OF DISTRICTS-IV

Name of districts	Seats
Kalat + Khuzdar + Mastung +Kharan + Awaran	01

GROUP OF DISTRICTS-V

Name of districts	Seats
Sibi + Bolan +Nasirabad + Jafarabad + Jhal Magsi + Kohlu + +Dera Bugti ”.	01

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

That prior to 3rd November, 2004, there were five seats of Balochistan Bar Council but it felt necessary to change the composition of Bar Councils in the country so Ordinance-III of 2004 was promulgated making some changes in the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act 1973 (XXXV of 1973) whereby eight seats were allocated to Balochistan Bar Council with five groups of Districts but on laying the Ordinance before the Parliament the seats of Balochistan Bar Council were reduced from eight to five and the groups of Districts were substituted from five to four due to which there is resentment in the Advocates of the area even otherwise when a group of Districts qualifies to have a seat then taking it back is not justified, hence this amendment.

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