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PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 25th February, 2019

No. F. 22(18)/2018-Legis.—Pursuant to rule 235 (4) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, the following report of the Standing Committee, presented to the National Assembly on 25th February, 2019 is published for information.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS ON THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018.**

1, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, have the honour to present this report on "The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2018" (Government Bill) referred to the Standing Committee on 17th December, 2018.

2. The Committee comprises the following members:—

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| 1. Mr. Mujahid Ali | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. Mr. Junaid Akbar | <i>Member</i> |

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

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as passed by the Senate placed at Annex-A, in its meeting held on 19th February, 2019. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill as passed by the Senate be passed by the Assembly. The Bill as reported by the Standing Committee is at Annex-B.

Sd/-
(MUJAHID ALI)
Chairman.

Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary.

Islamabad, the 22nd February, 2019.

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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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 appeal etc. through a singly 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.;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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

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.

Sd/-

MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE,

Annex-B

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.