

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject:- REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ON THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 16th October, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

01. Mr. Mujahid Ali	Chairman
02. Mr. Sher Ali Arbab	Member
03. Mr. Jawad Hussain	Member
04. Mr. Mansoor Hayat Khan	Member
05. Mr. Aftab Hussain Siddiqui	Member
06. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
07. Ms. Rukhsana Naveed	Member
08. Mst. Shaheen Naz Saifullah	Member
09. Ms. Zill-e-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. Mr. Mahesh Kumar Malani	Member
18. Ms. Shams - Un - Nisa	Member
19. Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
20. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali	Member
21. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan	Ex-officio
Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs	

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at Annexure-A, in its meetings held on 07-01-2021, 29-01-2021, 10-03-2021, 31-03-2021, 22-04-2021, 07-06-2021, 08-06-2021 and recommended with majority, that the Bill placed at Annex-'A', may be passed by the National Assembly. Dissent Notes of Mr. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali and Mr. Mahesh Kumar Malani, MNAs are placed at Annex-'B', Annex-'C' and Annex-'D', respectively.

-Sd/-

(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 9th June, 2021

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(MUJAHID ALI)
Chairman

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A

Bill

Further to amend the Elections Act, 2017

WHEREAS, It is expedient further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the Elections (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendments in section 2, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2,-

(a) after clause (i), the following new clause (ia) shall be inserted namely:-

"(ia) accredited, means authorized by the Commission":

(b) in clause (v), after the word "property" the words "including accounts receivable" shall be inserted;

(c) in clause (xvi), in sub-clause (b),-

(i) in paragraph I, after semicolon, the word "and" shall be added; and

(ii) in paragraph II, for the semicolon, a full stop shall be substituted and thereafter paragraph III along with proviso shall be omitted.

3. **Amendment in section 8, Act XXXIII of 2017.**- In the said Act, in section 8, in clause (b), after the word "paper", the words "before consolidation of results" shall be inserted.

4. **Amendment in section 9, Act XXXIII of 2017.**- In the said Act, in section 9; in sub-section (3), for the word "sixty", the word "thirty" shall be substituted.

5. **Amendment in section 11, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 11, in sub-section (2); for the words "applicable laws and", the word "the" shall be substituted.

6. **Amendment in section 12, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 12, in clause (c), after the words "women", the expression, "non-Muslims, disabled persons and transgender" shall be inserted;

7. **Amendments in section 13, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 13,-

(a) in sub-section (4), in clause (a), before the word "scanned", the expression "without loss of any time," shall be added;

(b) in sub-section (5), after the word "Commission", occurring for the first time, the expression ", within twenty-four hours after the consolidation proceedings," shall be inserted; and

(c) in sub-section (6), after the word "shall", the expression ", within the time specified in sub-section (10) of section 95," shall be inserted.

8. **Amendment in section 14, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 14, in sub-section (1), for the word "prepare", the word "finalize" shall be substituted.

9. **Amendment in section 15, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (1), after the word "action", occurring for the third time, the words "but before the day of the poll" shall be inserted.

10. **Amendment in section 17, Act XXXIII of 2017.**-In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (2), for the full stop at the end a colon