

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill*

*to establish Iqbal Academy for promotion of the thought of Allama Iqbal*

Whereas it is expedient to establish the Iqbal Academy for the purpose of making concerted efforts for promotion of the thought of Allama Iqbal, for spreading the message of Shaire-e-Mashriq Allama Muhammad Iqbal for his struggle towards glory of Islam, unity of Ummah and revival of Islamic spirit, for upkeep and maintenance of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, for bringing greater efficiency in administration of the Iqbal Academy and Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** - (1) This Act shall be called the Iqbal Academy Pakistan Act, 2021.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.** - In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, -

(a) "Academy" means Iqbal Academy Pakistan established under this Act;

(b) "Act" means the Iqbal Academy Pakistan Act, 2021;

(c) "Iqbal Academy" means the Iqbal Academy constituted under Iqbal Academy Ordinance 1962(XXVI of 1962);

(d) "Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex" means "Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex" constituted under the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism's Resolution No.8-1/84.A.III, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1984 and the Ministry of Minorities, Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs' Notification No. 8(4)/2000-A.III, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2002;

(e) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Academy constituted under this Act;

(f) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

(g) "Prime Minister" means the Prime Minister of Pakistan;

(h) "Director General" means Director General of the Academy;

(i) "member" means the member of the Board;

(j) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulation made under this Act;

(k) "rules" means the rules made under this Act; and

(l) "regulations" means the regulations made under this Act.

3. **Establishment of the Academy.** - (1) After the commencement of this Act, the Prime Minister may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Academy to be called the Iqbal Academy Pakistan.



(2) In pursuance to the decision of the Federal Government to merge Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex with the Iqbal Academy, the administrative, financial and operational control of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex and its affairs shall vest in the Academy which shall exercise all its powers and perform all its functions relating to research as defined under this Act.

(3) The Iqbal Academy Pakistan shall comprise the erstwhile Iqbal Academy and the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

(4) The Academy shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued.

(5) No proceedings or decisions of the Academy shall be invalid by reason of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the establishment of, the Academy.

4. **Functions and objectives of the Academy.** – The functions and the objectives of the Academy shall include to -

- (a) promote the study and understanding of the works of Iqbal;
- (b) translate the works of Allama Iqbal from Persian language into Urdu language;
- (c) prepare material for easy understanding of Iqbal's works;
- (d) prepare material for inclusion in the curriculum for the students at various levels;
- (e) promote the contribution of Iqbal in the Pakistan Movement;
- (f) translate Allama Iqbal's books and to promote literature evolving around Iqbal Studies in Pakistani and international languages;
- (g) establish connections and collaborate with Iqbal Chairs abroad, with institutions working on Iqbal Studies within the country and Pakistani universities;
- (h) sign memoranda of understanding (MoUs) between Iqbal Academy Pakistan and different universities of Pakistan and with arts councils within the country;
- (i) publish books, pamphlets and periodicals and to produce digital products relating to the study of Iqbal;
- (j) prepare and arrange digital media for promotion of the study and works of Iqbal;
- (k) award prizes, medals, rewards and donations to authors who, in the opinion of the Academy, have made contributions to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal,

- and to enter into contracts with authors in order to carry out the purposes of this Act;
- (l) organize lectures, talks, discussions, study groups, workshops and conferences on the study and teachings of Iqbal and to send delegates to conferences held in the country and abroad for the study of Iqbal's works and teachings, or for any matter to which that study is relevant or by which it may be advanced or profited;
  - (m) co-operate with, or grant amalgamation or affiliation to, any other association established for a purpose similar to that of the Academy, whether the purpose of that other association is confined to the works and teachings of Iqbal or not;
  - (n) manage affairs of the Academy, including maintenance of the building of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex;
  - (o) manage all the affairs of tenancy of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex;
  - (p) manage the investments and utilize its earning in line with provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2019 and other existing laws on subject matter-
  - (q) manage the grants from governments and other sources and approve the budget of the Academy with prior consultation with the Division concerned;
  - (r) develop and maintain Art Galleries of the Academy;
  - (s) publish pamphlets regarding Iqbal activities being conducted in every province to ensure that work on Iqbal is being produced all over;
  - (t) carry out such other activities that may further enhance the aims and objectives of the Academy; and
  - (u) do any other function, which may be assigned by the concerned Division in line with this Act.

5. **Board of Governors.** - (1) The management, overall control and supervision of the affairs of the Academy shall vest in a Board of Governors.

(2) The Prime Minister shall, by notification in the official Gazette, constitute a Board of Governors of the Academy consisting of the following, namely: -

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| (a) Federal Minister or Minister of State incharge;                                 | Chairman<br>(ex-officio) |
| (b) A member to be nominated by the Chairman from amongst the non-official members; | Vice Chairman            |
| (c) Secretary of the concerned Division;  | Member<br>(ex-officio)   |
| (d) Joint Secretary of the concerned Division;                                      | Member<br>(ex-officio)   |

- (e) Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance; Member (ex-officio)
- (f) Representative of the Division to which business of Federal education stands allocated (not below the rank of Joint Secretary) Member (ex-officio)
- (g) Seven non-official members who have made written contributions in the study of Iqbal and his thoughts, or have sufficient administrative, management or engineering background, to be nominated by the Chairman; and Non-official Members
- (h) Director General. Member/Secretary

Provided that at least one of the non-official members of the Board shall be a woman, whereas two members shall possess administrative, management or engineering background.

(3) No proceedings or decisions of the Board shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the constitution of, the Board of Governors.

(4) A member, other than ex-officio member, unless he resigns from office earlier, shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination for such term or terms as the Chairman may determine:

Provided that the non-official members shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board:

Provided further that non-official member may, in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Board, resign his office:

Provided also that the resignation tendered by a non-official member shall not take effect until accepted by the Chairman of the Board.

(5) If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Governors during the currency of the term of office of a nominated member, the nomination of a new member shall be made by the concerned authority and the member so nominated shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

(6) Unless otherwise prescribed, one-half of the total members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

(7) The meetings of the Board shall be held at least twice a year.

6. **Functions and powers of the Board.** - The general direction and administration of the Academy and its affairs shall vest in the Board which shall exercise all powers, perform all functions and do all acts and things which may be exercised, or done by the Board under this Act. In particular and without pre-prejudice to the generality to the foregoing powers, the Board shall have the powers to -

- (a) formulate policies, plans and programs for the better promotion of the thought of Iqbal;
- (b) encourage and facilitate to conduct research on the life and services of Allama Iqbal, his associates, allied topics and their publication;
- (c) maintain the finances and accounts of the Academy in such form and in accordance with such principles and methods as may be prescribed by the Auditor General of Pakistan;
- (d) maintain and manage the funds for specific purposes in accordance with the provisions of Public Finance Management Act, 2019 (V of 2019), and other existing laws on the subject matter; and
- (e) frame regulations with the concurrence of Finance and Establishment Division.

7. **Director General.** - (1) The Director General shall be appointed by the Prime Minister, on the recommendations of the Minister-in-charge, on such remuneration, terms and conditions as deemed appropriate.

(2) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Academy and shall be responsible to the Board for carrying out the objectives of the Academy.

(3) The Director General may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Prime Minister, resign from his office.

8. **Headquarters.** - The headquarters of the Academy shall be at Lahore.

9. **Funds.** - (1) The fund of the Academy shall be derived and utilized in line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2019 and the rules made thereunder and with prior consultation of Finance Division. The funds shall include-

