

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

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**Bill**

*further to amend the Elections Act, 2017*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), in the manner and 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, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of section 72B, Act XXXIII of 2017.-** In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), hereinafter repealed to as the said Act, the following new section 72B shall be inserted, namely:-

**“72B. Effect of section 72A.-** The provisions of section 72A inserted under section 2 of the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (XX of 2021), which stands omitted on the repeal of the said Ordinance by virtue of proviso to sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution, shall always be deemed to have been omitted and shall have no, and shall always be deemed to have no, effect whatsoever at any point of time.”.

**3. Amendment in section 94, Act XXXIII of 2017.-** In the said Act, in section 94, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Commission may conduct pilot projects for voting by Overseas Pakistanis in bye-elections to ascertain the technical efficacy, secrecy, security and financial feasibility of such voting and shall share the results with the Government, which shall, within fifteen days from the commencement of a session of a House after the receipt of the report, lay the same before both Houses of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament).”.

**4. Amendment in section 103, Act XXXIII of 2017.-**

In the said Act, for section 103, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“103. **Electronic voting and biometric verification.-** The Commission may conduct pilot projects for utilization of electronic voting machines and biometric verification system in bye-elections in addition to the existing manual procedures for voter verification, casting and counting of votes to assess the technical efficacy, secrecy, security and financial feasibility of the electronic voting machines and biometric verification system and shall share the results with the Government, which shall, within fifteen days from the commencement of a session of a House after the receipt of the report, lay the same before both Houses of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament).”.