

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 (Act No.VII of 2018)

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 (Act No.VII of 2018) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as under:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Act VII of 2018.**- In the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 (Act No.VII of 2018), in section 6, in sub-section (1), in clause (c) for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that in case of inability of the Federal Public Service Commission to recommend persons for initial appointment to the Posts in BPS-16 to BPS-19 on the requisition of the National Assembly Secretariat for such appointments within six month of receipt of the requisition, the Speaker may withdraw the requisition from the Federal Public Service Commission and make appointments against such posts through an open advertisement and after a selection process on the recommendations of the Departmental Selection Committee.”

Statement of Objects and Reasons

The National Assembly Secretariat is a constitutional body established under Article 87 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which provides that the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) may by law regulate the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to the Secretariat staff of either House. To regulate the recruitment and condition of persons appointed in the National Assembly Secretariat, the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 was passed by the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) which came into force on 28th February 2018 after assent of the President thereon.

According to section 6 of the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018, initial appointment to the posts of BPS-16 to BPS-19 in the National Assembly Secretariat is to be made by the Speaker on recommendations of the Federal Public Service Commission. However, it has been observed that sometimes the Federal Public Service Commission cannot complete the selection process due to various reasons within six months of the requisition of the Secretariat for appointment on posts of BPS-16-19. Therefore, it is imperative that provision may be made in the National Assembly Employees Act, 2018 that in case of inability of the Federal Public Service Commission to recommend persons for initial appointment to the Posts in BPS-16 to BPS-19 within six month of receipt of the requisition, the Speaker may withdraw the requisition from the Federal Public Service Commission and make appointments against such posts through an open advertisement and after a selection process on the recommendations of the Departmental Selection Committee..

The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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