

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS OF PAKISTAN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Publication of Laws of Pakistan Act, 2016, [The Publication of Laws of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2022] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 27th July 2022.

2. The Committee comprises the following: -

1.	Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
2.	Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
3.	Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha	Member
4.	Ms. Mehnaz Akbar Aziz	Member
5.	Shaikh Rohale Asghar	Member
6.	Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi	Member
7.	Ms. Nafisa Shah	Member
8.	Mr. Qadir Khan Mandokhail	Member
9.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
10.	Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
11.	Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
12.	Mr. Junaid Akbar	Member
13.	Malik Umer Aslam Khan	Member
14.	Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla	Member
15.	Mr. Riaz Fatyana	Member
16.	Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
17.	Mr. Atta Ullah	Member
18.	Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani	Member
19.	Mr. Lal Chand	Member
20.	Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
21.	Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at **(Annex-A)**, in its meeting held on 1st August 2022 and recommended that the Bill as introduced may be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary
Islamabad, 1st August, 2022

Sd/-
(Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk)
Chairman

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

A

Bill

to amend the Publication of Laws of Pakistan Act, 2016

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Publication of Laws of Pakistan Act, 2016 (XIII of 2016), 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 Publication of Laws of Pakistan (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come in to force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act XIII of 2016.**- In the Publication of Laws of Pakistan Act, 2016 (XIII of 2016), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2,-

(i) the existing clause (a) shall be re-lettered as clause (ab) and before that the following new clauses (a) and (aa) shall be added, namely:-

“(a) “administrative department” means the department of the respective Provincial Government to which business of this Act in the provincial domain stands allocated;

(aa) “administrative division” means the division of the Federal Government to which business of this Act in the Federal domain stands allocated;”;

- (ii) in clause (b), the words "to be", shall be omitted;
- (iii) after clause (b), amended as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ba) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the concerned appellate Committee;"

- (iv) clause (c) shall be omitted;

- (v) after clause (d), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

"(da) "member" means a member of the concerned appellate committee;

(db) "person" shall have the same meaning as assigned thereto in section 11 of the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860);" and

- (vi) in clause (g), for the word "juristic", the word "legal" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 3, Act XIII of 2016.**— In the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), in clause (c), after the word "certificate", the words "of accuracy" shall be inserted.

4. **Substitution of section 4, Act XIII of 2016.**— In the said Act, for section 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:—