

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015 (X of 2015), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- This Act shall be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 6, Act X of 2015.- In the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015 (Act X of 2015), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6, for sub-Section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) There shall be one hundred and twenty –five Union Councils within the Islamabad Capital Territory under this Act. The Federal Government on the recommendations of Ministry of Interior by notification in the official Gazette may increase or decrease the number of union council from time to time.”

3. Amendment of Section 12, Act X of 2015.- In the said Act, in section 12, for sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(3) The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall be directly elected as joint candidates by the voters. The election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall be held on the day of election of members of Union Council under section 11.

(4) If the office of the mayor of the local government falls vacant during the term of the council for any reason, the Election Commission shall hold a fresh election to the office of the head of the local government.”

4. Amendment of section 29, Act X of 2015.- In the said Act, in section 29, sub-section (4) shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Subject: THE ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022

Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Local Government Act was promulgated in 2015 to establish an elected Local Government System to devolve political, administrative and financial authority in order to promote good governance and effective service delivery through institutionalized participation and involvement of people in day to day governance. Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) is a Municipal body established under the ICT Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2022.

2. Administrator, MCI has proposed amendments in sections 6,12 and 29 of the Act ibid to increase the number of Union Councils to cater for existing population of Islamabad and to improve procedure of election of Mayor Deputy Mayor. Ministry of Law and Justice has vetted the draft Bill "Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2022" from legal point of view.

3. There shall be one hundred and twenty five Union Councils within the Islamabad Capital Territory under this Act. The Federal Government on the recommendations of Ministry of Interior by notification in the official Gazette may increase or decrease the number of Union Council from time to time.

4. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall be directly elected as joint candidates by the voters. The election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall be held on the day of election of members of Union Council under section 11. The Cabinet vide decision in case No. 659/Rule-19/2022 dated 19.12.2022 has approved submission of this Bill in the National Assembly.


Minister-in-Charge