

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

To amend certain laws relating to elections

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend certain laws relating to elections for the purposes hereafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement**— (1) This Bill may be called the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2009.
(2) It shall come into force with effect from 21st April, 2008.
2. **Amendment of certain Laws.**— The laws specified in the Schedule shall be amended in the manner specified in the Fourth column thereof.

THE SCHEDULE

Sl.No.	Number and year of enactment	Short title	Amendments
1	2	3	4
1	Chief Executive's Order No.7 of 2002	The Conduct of General Election Order, 2002.	Article 8A shall be omitted
2	LXXXV of 1976	The Representation of the People Act, 1976.	Clause (cc) of sub-section (1) of section 99 shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The proposed amendments are essentially required pursuant to the judgment, dated the 21st April, 2008, passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitution Petition No. 01/2008 (Muhammad Nasir Mehmood Vs. Federation of Pakistan & others) declaring as void the provisions of Article 8A of the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002 (Chief Executive Order No.7 of 2002) and clause (cc) of sub-section (1) of section 99 of the Representation of the people Act, 1976 on account of their being inconsistent with Articles 17 and 25 of the Constitution.

2. This Bill seeks to achieve the above said objects.

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