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ORDINANCE NO.VIII OF 2012

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*further to amend the Establishment of the office of the Wafaqi
Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983 (P.O.I of 1983), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly and Senate are not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Ordinance may be called the Establishment of the office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 24. P.O.I of 1983.**—In the Establishment of the Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983 (P.O.I of 1983), in Article 24, in clause (2), for the fullstop, at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that the Wafaqi Mohtasib may, by order in writing and for such period and subject to such conditions as he may deem fit, delegate his powers to any officer holding post in BS-21 or above in the Wafaqi Mohtasib’s Secretariat.”

Statement of Objects & Reasons.

Article 24(2) of P.O.1 of 1983 has been amended to empower the Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) to delegate his powers to any of the officer of that Secretariat holding post in BS 21 or above, for such period and subject to such conditions as he may deem fit.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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Parliamentary Affairs**