[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

to amend the General Statistics (Reorganization) Act, 2011 (Act No. XIV of 2011)

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the General Statistics (Reorganization) Act, 2011 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement**.- (1) This Act may be called the General Statistics (Reorganization) (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 6, Act XIV of 2011**.- In the General Statistics (Reorganization) Act, 2011 (No. XIV of 2011), hereinafter referred to as the said Act section 6,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the word "seven", the word "eleven" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (3), in paragraph (a), in sub-paragraph (iii) the word "and" at the end shall be omitted;

(c) in sub-section (3), in paragraph (b), the full stop at the end shall be substituted with a semi-colon and the word "and"; and

(d) in sub-section (3), after paragraph (b) the following new paragraph (c) shall be added, namely:-

"(c) one member from each of the four Provinces of Pakistan shall be appointed by the Federal Government in consultation with the relevant Provincial Government."

3. **Amendment of Section 31, Act XIV of 2011**.- In the said Act, in section 31, for the words and commas "may, from time to time," the words and commas "shall, at least once every ten years," shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has been eighteen years since a population census was held in Pakistan and there is a need to set a maximum time frame of ten years in which a census must be held in the country to avoid such situations. With the rights of the Provinces being dependent upon an accurate and timely census being held, there is also a need to give the Provinces representation in the Governing Council of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

Sd/-
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