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PART I

**Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

*Islamabad, the 8th February, 2017*

**No. F. 22(12)/2016-Legis.**—The following Act of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 3rd February, 2017 is hereby Published for general information:—

ACT NO. 1 OF 2017

*An Act further to amend the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Central Law Officers (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(11)

*Price : Rs. 2.00*

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2. **Amendment of section 2, Ordinance VII of 1970.**—In the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, in sub-section (1), for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorneys-General” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 3, Ordinance VII of 1970.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 3, in paragraph (b), for the words and comma “Standing Counsel, he is qualified for appointment as a judge of a High Court” the words and comma “Assistant Attorney-General, he has for a period of not less than seven years been an Advocate of a High Court” shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 3A, Ordinance VII of 1970.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 3A,—

- (i) in sub-section (1), for the words “a Standing Counsel” the words “an Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted; and
- (ii) in sub-section (2), for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted.

5. **Amendment of section 4, Ordinance VII of 1970.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 4,—

- (i) for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted; and
- (ii) for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that an Assistant Attorney-General shall have right of audience before the Supreme Court subject to a licence issued by the Pakistan Bar Council.”

6. **Amendment of section 4A, Ordinance VII of 1970.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 4A, for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorneys-General” shall be substituted.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,  
*Secretary.*