

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to present the report on the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (No. XVII of 2010) [the Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on the 2nd August, 2016.

2. The Committee comprises the following members: -

1)	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
2)	Justice (Retd.) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
3)	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
4)	Mr. Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha	Member
5)	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
6)	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
7)	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
8)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
9)	Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sherazi	Member
10)	Mr. Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar	Member
11)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
12)	Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch	Member
13)	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
14)	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
15)	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
16)	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
17)	Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
18)	Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri	Member
19)	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
20)	Ms. Aisha Syed	Member
21)	Mr. Zahid Hamid, <i>Minister for Law and Justice</i>	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill on 7th November, 2016. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-A may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK)
Chairman

Sd/-
(ABDUL JABBAR ALI)
Secretary
Islamabad the 14th March, 2017

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (No. XVII of 2010).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (No. XVII of 2010), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad High Court, (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XVII of 2010.**- In the Islamabad High Court Act (No. XVII of 2010), in section 3, in sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that one fourth of the total number of judges of the Islamabad High Court shall be women."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Women are under-representation in Pakistan's legal profession, particularly in the superior judiciary. It is noted that only 5.8% of High Court Judges in the country were women, and to date, no woman had been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court or as Chief Justice of any of the High Courts. Keeping in mind the fact, a Bill had been submitted to National Assembly for mandatory representation of women in the Supreme Court, the Bill was referred to Standing Committee on Law; the Bill was deliberated by the Committee, and suggested that initially we must start giving representation to women in the High Courts. Therefore, it is proposed through this Bill to give due representation to women in Islamabad High Court.

Sd/-

MS. SAMAN SULTANA JAFRI,
DR. NIKHAT SHAKEEL KHAN,
MS. KISHWER ZEHRA,
SHAIKH SALAHUDDIN,
MR. SUFYAN YUSUF,
MR. MUHAMMAD MUZAMMIL QURESHI,
Members, National Assembly.