

[*As* INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Family Courts Act, 1964

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Family Courts, Act 1964 (XXXV of 1964) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. **Short title, extent and Commencement:** - (1) This Act may be called the Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 10, Act XXXV of 1964:-** In the Family Courts Act, 1964 (XXXV of 1964), in section 10, for sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted:-

“(3) At the pre-trial stage, the Court shall ascertain the points at issue between the parties and nominate one person each from the families of the parties with their consent for conciliation.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 227 of the Constitution provides for all existing laws to be brought in conformity with the Injunctions of Islam as laid down in the Holy Quran and Sunnah and that no law shall be enacted which is repugnant to such Injunctions.

According to injunctions of the Holy Quran (Sura-An-Nisa, verse 35) regarding appointment of an arbitrator from the families of spouses in case of any conflict between the parties for the purpose of conciliation, this amendment has been proposed so that rate of divorce shall be decreased.

This Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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