

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ON THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee of Parliamentary Affairs, have the honor to present this report on the Bill, further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017) [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2025] (Private Member's Bill), referred to the Standing Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

2. The Committee comprises the following:

(1) <b>Rana Iradat Sharif Khan</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
(2) Raja Osama Sarwar	Member
(3) Sheikh Aftab Ahmad	Member
(4) Raja Qamar Ul Islam	Member
(5) Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Member
(6) Mr. Saad Wasim	Member
(7) Ms. Muneeba Iqbal	Member
(8) Ms. Gulnaz Shahzadi	Member
(9) Malik Shah	Member
(10) Ms. Izbal Zehri	Member
(11) Mr. Naveed Amir	Member
(12) Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan	Member
(13) Ms. Nikhat Shakeel Khan	Member
(14) Mr. Sahibzada Sibghatullah	Member
(15) Mr. Mujahid Ali	Member
(16) Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan	Member
(17) Mr. Hameed Hussain	Member
(18) Mr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Minister for Parliamentary affairs	Ex officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at ANNEX- A, in its meetings held on 22-08-2025, 16-10-2025, 20-11-2025, 24-12-2025, and 19-01-2026, and proposed the following amendments therein:-

#### CLAUSE 2

for clause 2, the following shall be substituted, namely:

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2. **Amendment of section 9, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), hereinafter called the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (5), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 66, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 66, after the word “including”, the words and comma “the Federal Constitutional Court,” shall be inserted.

4. **Amendment of section 104, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 104, in sub-section (1), after the word “including”, the words and comma “the Federal Constitutional Court,” shall be inserted.

5. **Amendment of section 104A, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 104A, after the word “including”, the words and comma “the Federal Constitutional Court,” shall be inserted.

6. **Amendment of section 138, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 138, for a full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted, and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely: -

“Provided that the Speaker of the concerned Assembly or, as the case may be, the Chairman of the Senate may, on an application made by a member and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by a ruling delivered in the chamber, determine that the statement of assets and liabilities of that member shall not be published publicly by the Commission if such publication would pose a serious threat to the life or safety of the member or, as the case may be, his family, for a period not exceeding one year at a time and subject to the condition that a complete and true statement of assets and liabilities shall be submitted confidentially to the Election Commission.”.

7. **Amendment of section 155, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 155, in sub-section (1), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

8. **Amendment of section 202, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 202,-

(i) in sub-section (6), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted; and

(ii) in sub-section (7), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

9. **Amendment of section 212, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act,-

(i) in sub-section (2), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted; and

(ii) in sub-section (3), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

10. **Amendment of section 232, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 232, in sub-section (2), after the word “including”, the words and comma “the Federal Constitutional Court,” shall be inserted.”.

4. The Committee recommended with majority that the Bill, as reported by the Standing Committee, placed as ANNEX-B, may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-  
(RANA IRADAT SHARIF KHAN)  
Chairman

Sd/-  
(SAEED AHMAD MAITLA)  
Acting Secretary  
Islamabad, the 19 January, 2026

[As: INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

*further to amend the Elections Act, 2017*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 138, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), in Section 138, for full stop ".", the colon ":" shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided that the extent of disclosure, under this section, shall give due regard to the balance between public interest for good governance and individual's privacy and security."

"Provided further that the extent to which the first proviso apply shall be determined by the Speaker of the concerned Assembly and in case of Senate the Chairman."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The purpose amendment is to ensure a balanced approach between transparency and the protection of individual rights. While the publication of statements of assets and liabilities serves a vital role in promoting public accountability, enhancing trust in public office, and ensuring good governance, it is recognized that unrestricted or excessive disclosure could potentially compromise the personal security and privacy of parliamentarians and their families.

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SHAZIA MARRI

Member, National Assembly

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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