

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT NO. 34

### REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE



**“THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020”**

#### PRESENTED BY

**Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**

**Chairman**

**Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON "THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020"**

I, Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020" introduced by Senators Kauda Babar and Manzoor Ahmed, in the Senate sitting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	<b>Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
3.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
4.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
5.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
6.	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
7.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
8.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	Member
9.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
10.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
11.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
12.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
13.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
14.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, with the following in attendance:

1.	<b>Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
4.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
5.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	Member



6.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
7.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
8.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member

4. The Chairman Committee informed the Members that a Government Bill titled "The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020" had already been passed by the Parliament in the Joint Sitting and, therefore, the Members In-Charge had personally informed him of their desire to withdraw the said Private Members' Bill, being infructuous. Hence, there was no need to discuss it further in the Committee. It was, therefore, agreed upon by all Members of the Committee that the Members In-Charge may withdraw the Bill.

5. The Committee recommends that the House may grant leave to Senators Kauda Babar and Senator Manzoor Ahmed to withdraw "The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020". The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House. Copy of the Bill is annexed.



**(Haris Rehman)**  
DS / Secretary Committee



**(Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi)**  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Law and Justice

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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*further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (XVII of 2010), for the purpose 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, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XVII of 2010.**- In the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (XVII of 2010), in section 3, in sub-section (1), for the word "six", the word "ten", shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) was established under the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (XVII of 2010). As per section 3 (1) of the aforesaid Act, the existing sanctioned strength of Judges of the Islamabad High Court is six plus one Chief Justice. Due to increase in litigation and in the backdrop of rising cases there is a dire need to increase number of judges of the Court from six plus one Chief Justice to ten plus one Chief Justice so that it can function to mitigate the miseries of the litigants and address the evolving needs of the increasing population of Islamabad.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

**SENATOR KAUDA BABAR  
AND  
SENATOR MANZOOR AHMED  
Members-in-Charge**