

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

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, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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 five 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,—

- (a) for the words "Standing Counsel" the words "Assistant Attorney-General" shall be substituted; and
- (b) 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.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In line with the recommendation of the Attorney-General for Pakistan the post of the Standing Counsel is proposed to be renamed as Assistant Attorney-General by amending the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970).

- 2. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

Minister-in-Charge