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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Islamabad, the 1st January, 2019

No. F. 2(1)/2019-Pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated by the President is hereby published for general information:-

Ordinance No. 1 of 2019

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ORDINANCE

Further to Amend the Elections Act, 2017

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

AND WHEREAS the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action:

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

(2). It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 20, Act XXXIII of 2017.**—In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), in section 20, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2A). For the purpose of delimiting constituencies, for the general seats of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Tribal Areas, two or more separate areas may be grouped into one constituency for their elections to be held in 2019 and bye elections related thereto and thereafter this sub-section shall stand omitted.”.

DR. ARIF ALVI,
President.

JUSTICE (R)
ABDUL SHAKOOR PARACHA,
Secretary.


STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pursuant to 25th Constitutional Amendment, the Election Commission is obliged to conduct elections on 16 general seats of erstwhile FATA including FR Regions for the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa before 25th July, 2019. The Election Commission of Pakistan is facing great difficulty in delimiting the six ex- Frontier Regions, which have been annexed by the Provincial Government with other adjoining districts.

2. Section 20 (2) of the Elections Act, 2017 provides that the Election Commission may while delimiting constituencies for the general seats in the National Assembly for the Tribal Areas, group two or more separate areas into one constituency. In order to avert disenfranchisement of ex-Tribal areas including its non-contiguous Frontier Regions, the Commission suggested to insert identical provision for delimitation of general seats of newly allocated Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for erstwhile FATA.

3. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

4. It is certified that the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. I of 2019) is not a Money Bill within the meaning of clause (2) of Article 73 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.


Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs

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