

**[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]**

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BILL**

*further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 5, Act XXXV of 1973.** - In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), in paragraph (a), the entry relating to the expression "Balochistan Bar Council" for the figure "07" the figure "08" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of Schedule, Act XXXV of 1973.**- In the said Act, in Schedule, for the "Balochistan Bar Council" and corresponding entries relating there to the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**"BALOCHISTAN BAR COUNCIL**

**GROUP OF DISTRICTS-I**

Name of the Districts	Seats
Quetta+Chaghi+Noshki+Pashin+Killa Abdullah	04

**GROUP OF DISTRICTS-II**

Name of the Districts	Seats
Zhob + Loralai + Killa Saifullah + Ziarat + Musakhel and Barkhran	01

**GROUP OF DISTRICTS-III**

Name of the Districts	Seats
Kech + Panjgor + Gawadar and Lasbela	01

**GROUP OF DISTRICTS-IV**

Name of the Districts	Seats
Kalat + Khuzdar + Mastung + Kharan and Awaran	01

**GROUP OF DISTRICTS-V**

Name of the Districts	Seats
Sibi + Bolan + Nasirabad + Jafarabad + Jhal Magsi + Kohlu and Dera Bugti"	01

## **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004, there were five seats of Balochistan Bar Council but it felt necessary to change the composition of Bar Councils in the country so Ordinance-III of 2004 was promulgated making some changes in the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973) whereby eight seats were allocated to Balochistan Bar Council with five groups of Districts but on laying the Ordinance before the Parliament the seats of Balochistan Bar Council were reduced from eight to seven and the groups of Districts were substituted from five to four due to which there is resentment in the Advocates of the area even otherwise when a group of Districts qualifies to have a seat then taking it back is not justified, hence this amendment.

**Sd/-**  
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