

**[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]**

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**Bill**

*to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall, be called the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Act, 2023.

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

**2. Substitution of Section 16, Act I of 2007.** — In the said Act, for Section 16, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**“16.** Appointments.- (1) The Council may appoint such employees as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2). All appointments and promotions in the Council shall be in accordance with the service rules and regulations of the Council.

(3). The Council may engage experts, advisers and consultants on contract on such terms and conditions as it may determine.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS**

Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) was established in 1964 and is working as a body corporate vide PCRWR Act, 2007 under Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST). According to PCRWR Act, 2007, rules of PCRWR shall have provision for two-track appointment: contractual and permanent which is a complicated way of recruitment as it allows to advertise a specific post twice. In order to make recruitment process simple and much transparent the amendment is proposed in the Act.

Federal Minister for Science and Technology