

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

to amend the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 (XCVII of 2002), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 8, Ordinance XCVII of 2002.** — In the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 (XCVII of 2002), in section 8, in sub-section (1), in clause (xiii), for the word "Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of the council stands allocated" shall be substituted.

Subject: STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE AND REASONS

In the light of Supreme Court's decision in *Mustafa Impeachment Case*, the Federal Cabinet, in Case No. 419/19/2017 dated 08-09-2017, directed that all Ministries/Divisions, in consultation with the Law and Justice Division, shall make amendments in respective Acts/Ordinances/Rules and replace the word "Federal Government" with appropriate authority(ies). The Federal Cabinet reiterated its earlier directions in Cases No. 241/15/2018 dated 12-04-2018 and No. 64/05/2022 dated 15-02-2022.

2. It is informed vide Cabinet Division's Memorandum No.5/5/2023-Progress-II, dated 26th May, 2023 that the case of amendments in Press Council Of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 to replace the word "Federal Government" with other appropriate authority(ies) has been ratified by Federal Cabinet in Case No. 89/20/2023, dated 19-05-2023,

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Minister In Charge