



House of the Federation

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

ON

**THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023” INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHAHADAT
AWAN IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER, 2023.**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR SAADIA ABBASI

Chairperson

Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat

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I, Senator Saadia Abbasi, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat have the honor to present the report of the Committee on "The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023" introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan in the Senate sitting held on 6th November, 2023. The House in its sitting held on 6th November, 2023 referred the matter to the Committee for Consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises of the following honorable Members:-

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| 1. Senator Saadia Abbasi | Chairperson |
| 2. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Member |
| 3. Senator Muhammad Akram | Member |
| 4. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti | Member |
| 5. Senator Moula Bux Chandio | Member |
| 6. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar | Member |
| 7. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi | Member |
| 8. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan | Member |
| 9. Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee | Member |
| 10. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussian Shah | Member |
| 11. Senator Naseebullah Bazai | Member |
| 12. Senator Khalida Ateeb | Member |
| 13. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood | Member |
| 14. Senator Kamil Ali Agha | Member |
| 15. Minister-in-Charge Cabinet Division | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 14th December, 2023 at 11:30 am, in Committee Room No. 1 Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members.

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| 3. Senator Moula Bux Chandio | Member |
| 4. Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee | Member |
| 5. Senator Khalida Ateeb | Member |
| 6. Senator Kamil Ali Agha | Member |
| 7. Senator Shahadat Awan | Mover |
| 8. Mr. Murtaza Solangi | Ex-Officio Member |

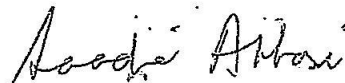
4. Honourable Senator Shahadat Awan, Mover of the Bill apprised the committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill he presented in the House. He stated that in order to bring law in conformity with the global best practices, the amendment proposed by him is aimed to prescribe qualifications for the private members, with an aim to ensure competence and effective management of affairs and responsibilities of the Board as well as Public Procurement

Regulatory Authority. The Chairperson raised an observation about mentioning of a person of integrity which she pointed out that integrity is a subjective question. The mover of the amendment agreed that word integrity should be deleted. The Committee proposed the following amendments in the Bill introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan"**(4A) The Members referred to in entry (7) of sub- section (2), shall be a person possessing qualifications, and at least fifteen years' experience in public administration, economics, Law, finance, engineering or related technical fields."**

5. After detailed discussion, the Chairperson decided to put the Bill to vote, whereupon the Committee passed the Bill with amendments (copy annexed as "B"). The Committee approved presentation of report in the House.



(ALI NAWAZ)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SAADIA ABBASI)
Chairperson

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1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 6, Ordinance XXII of 2002.-** In the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XXII of 2002), in section 6, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely,-

"(4A) The Members referred to in entry (7) of sub-section (2), shall be the persons of integrity, possessing qualifications, and at least fifteen years' experience in public administration, economics, legal matters, finance, engineering or related technical fields."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Qualifications are considered as one of the core instruments for governing and regulating an organization. By being linked to access to occupations and professions, qualifications define what a person needs to know and be able to do to carry out a certain responsibility. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 prescribes the provisions regarding Private Members of the Authority without providing any requisite of the qualifications for them. In order to bring the law in conformity with global best practices, the amendment is proposed to prescribe qualifications for the private members, with an aim to ensure competence and effective management of the affairs and responsibilities of the Board as well as Public Procurement Regulatory Authority. This Bill is designed to achieve the above objectives.

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