

A Bill

further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973

Whereas it is expedient to further amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (LXXI 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 Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2023.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 10, Act LXXI of 1973.**- In the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (LXXI of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 10, in the second proviso, the full stop (.) occurring at the end shall be substituted with a colon (:) and thereafter the following new proviso and explanation shall be added namely,-

“Provided further that no civil servant shall, unless he belongs to the Engineering Service of Pakistan and registered as a registered engineer or professional engineer as defined in the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1976 (V of 1976), be posted in any Ministry, Division or Department under the Government dealing with the subjects of infrastructure, energy, water, communication and works, including but not limiting to Ministries of Power, Energy, Planning and Development, Railways, Housing and Works, Water Resources, Industries & Production, Information Technology and Telecommunication, Science and Technology, Aviation Division, Defense Production, Maritime Affairs and Communication.”

“*Explanation.*- The Engineering Service of Pakistan shall be the thirteenth Group or Service of the already notified Occupational Groups or Services, which shall be notified within three months of the coming into effect of the Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2023.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Federal Ministries, Provincial Departments, Public sector companies, public service entities or any other Government organization dealing with the infrastructure, energy, communication, construction or any kind of development work in the country hold huge significance vis-à-vis public exchequer as well as people’s safety. It has been observed that mostly civil servants having no knowledge of engineering profession or even basic knowledge of parameters required for such technical areas are being appointed as heads or on high executive posts in such entities. These highly professional and technical assignments should be given to persons having sound technical knowledge and recognized engineering background.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned purpose.