

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 (XXXIII of 1997) for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act shall be called the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 2, Act XXXIII of 1997.**— In the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 (XXXIII of 1997), for section 2, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“2. Maximum number of Supreme Court Judges other than Chief Justice.— The maximum number of Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan other than the Chief Justice shall be up to thirty-three.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The number of Judges in the Supreme Court of Pakistan Court is to be fixed under the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 (XXXIII of 1997) The number of Judges of the Supreme Court is sixteen plus one Chief Justice. In view of the consistent increase in the litigation in Pakistan and budging pendency, it is necessary that number of Judges in the Supreme Court shall be increased.

In light of the above, it is proposed to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court from sixteen to thirty-three, in addition to the Chief Justice.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.


Minister-in-Charge