



**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

**Report No. 09**

**REPORT OF THE  
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE**



**“THE CIVIL COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025”**

**PRESENTED BY**

**Senator Farooq Hamid Naek  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present report on "The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2025" as passed by the National Assembly and introduced by Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice in the Senate sitting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice is as under:-

1.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
3.	Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
6.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
7.	Senator Khalil Tahir	Member
8.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
9.	Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro	Member
10.	Senator Hamid Khan	Member
11.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, under the Chairmanship of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, which was attended by the following hon'ble Members:-

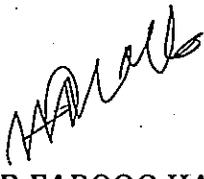
1.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
3.	Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan (viz Zoom)	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
6.	Senator Khalil Tahir	Member
7.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
8.	Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro	Member
9.	Minister of State for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member



4. Minister of State for Law and Justice, informed the Committee that the prices of the properties are ostensibly high in Islamabad Capital Territory, and valuation of most of the Regular First Appeals, against orders/ decrees of Civil Court, is more than twenty five hundred thousand rupees due to which pendency on appellate side of the Islamabad High Court has increased manifold. Under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 18 of the West Pakistan Civil Court Ordinance, 1962, the Islamabad High Court has pecuniary, appellate jurisdiction exceeding twenty five hundred thousand rupees (2.5 million rupees). By virtue of the Punjab Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2016 (XXXVIII of 2016), the Lahore High Court has already enhanced its appellate, pecuniary jurisdiction from 2,500,000/- (2.5 million rupees) to 50 million rupees. However, pecuniary, appellate jurisdiction of the Islamabad High Court remained the same i.e. 2.5 million rupees. In order to decrease burden of litigation on appellate side of Islamabad High Court, there is need to make District Court the forum to entertain appeals arising out from decree or order of Civil Judge.

5. The Committee discussed the proposed amendment in section 18 of the W.P. Ordinance II of 1962, at length and thereafter recommended that "The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2025" as passed by the National Assembly, may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan (Copy of Bill is annexed).

  
(RABEEA ANWAR)  
A.S / Secretary Committee

  
( SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK)  
Chairman

[ AS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ]

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Further to amend the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962, (W.P. Ordinance II of 1962), 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 Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 18, W.P. Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 (W.P. Ordinance II of 1962), in section 18, for subsection (F), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) Save as aforesaid, an appeal from a decree or order of a Civil Judge shall lie to the District Judge.”

