

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (Act II of 1951), 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 Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 5, Act II of 1951.** - In the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (Act II of 1951), in section 5, the existing provision shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section, and after sub-section the following new sub-section shall added, namely:-

(2) The substitution of word "parent", for the word "father" by the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Ordinance, 2000 (XIII of 2000) shall always be deemed to have been so done on and from the commencement of this Act."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Passport applications have been deferred because the father of the applicant(s) was Foreign national and the applicants were born before 18.04.2000 as the Section 5 of Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 stood invoked vide Ordinance No. XIII of year 2000.

2. It transpired that these applicants have already obtained CNICs from NADRA. NADRA was requested to offer their comments as to how these CNICs were issued to applicants who were born prior to 18.04.2000.

3. NADRA reported that CNICs are issued to such applicants after the Judgments passed by the Honourable Peshawar and Singh High Courts that amendment (XIII of 2000) in Section 5 of PCA, 1951 should have retrospective effect. Therefore, individuals born to Pakistani parents (father or mother) be treated as Pakistani citizen irrespective of their date of birth.

4. In order to address the aforementioned issue, following amendment has been proposed in Section 5 Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 to facilitate issuance of passport to such applicants:

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following new sub-section shall added, namely:-

"(2) The substitution of word "parent", for the word "father" by the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Ordinance, 2000 (XIII of 2000) shall always be deemed to have been so done on and from the commencement of this Act."

5. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

Sd/-

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MINISTER