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~~[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]~~

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BILL

further to amend the Elections Act, 2017

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), 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 Elections (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the commencement of the Constitution (Twenty-seventh Amendment) Act, 2025 (XXXII of 2025).

2. **Amendment of section 9, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), hereinafter called “the said Act”, in section 9, in sub-section (5), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 155, Act XXXIII of 2017.**— In the said Act, in section 155,-

- (i) in sub-section (1), for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted; and
- (ii) in sub-section (3), in the proviso, for the word “Supreme”, the words “Federal Constitutional” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Constitution (Twenty-seventh Amendment) Act, 2025, has established the Federal Constitutional Court as a distinct constitutional forum within the judicial structure of Pakistan and introduced consequential changes to the constitutional framework governing the exercise of judicial jurisdiction. In view of the amendments to Articles 17 and 63A of the Constitution, it is necessary to review the relevant provisions of the Elections Act, 2017 (XXXIII of 2017), to ensure their consistency with the Constitution, particularly Articles 218 and 225 thereof, and to clarify the jurisdiction of the competent judicial forum in matters arising under the said Act.

2. The proposed amendments seek to align the Elections Act, 2017, with the constitutional framework introduced by the Constitution (Twenty-seventh Amendment) Act, 2025, by substituting references to the Supreme Court with references to the Federal Constitutional Court, wherever constitutionally warranted, and by making such consequential amendments as may be necessary to give effect to the revised constitutional scheme. The amendments also seek to clarify the jurisdiction of the competent judicial forum in the adjudication of matters arising under the said Act, in accordance with the Constitution.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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