

**[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]**

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Bill

*further to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 6, Act XVII of 2021.** - In the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), in section 6, in sub-section (1),-

(i) after paragraph (b), the following new paragraphs shall be inserted and paragraphs occurring thereafter shall be renumbered, accordingly:-

"(c) one Member of the Senate of Pakistan, to be nominated by the Chairman Senate;

(d) one Member of the National Assembly to be nominated by the Speaker National Assembly;"

(e) **One member from each Provincial Assembly preferably with relevant experience and man of impeccable integrity to be nominated by the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly concerned as the Case may be;"**

(ii) in the renumbered paragraph (f), for the expression "seven", occurring in the first line, the expression "eight, two from each province," shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Elected representatives are required to be on the Boards of Federal Authorities so as to safeguard the interests of their electorates and be the voice of general public in policy formulation. At the same time, representation of the provinces implies that provincial interests can be expressed and safeguarded in an organization or Authority and pressed to maximum advantage, keeping in mind the common weal that all citizens of Pakistan seek. Hence, provincialized Federal Institutions need to be considered to have considerable employment implications, especially in the public service area. The amendments in this Act provide for prescribing public and political representation in the Federal Government Authority, so that it reflects and represents the provincial diversity.

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR**

Member-in-charge