

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 in its applications to the Islamabad Capital Territory*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962(W.P.Ordinance II of 1962), in its applications to the Islamabad Capital Territory for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 6, W.P. Ordinance II of 1962.-** In the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 (W.P.Ordinance II of 1962), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 6, in sub-section (2), for the full stop occurring at the end, a colon ":" shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that one-third of the total number of additional district judges shall be women."

**3. Amendment of section 8, W.P. Ordinance II of 1962.-**In the said Ordinance, in section 8, in paragraph (c), for the full stop occurring at the end, a colon ":" shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that one-third of the total number of civil-judges shall be women."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill strives to encourage and promote adequate representation of women in judiciary. Although there are women judges in the district courts, their number is far from adequate. It is thus the aim of this Bill to acknowledge the representation of women as judges in the district court. A woman judge represents the lives, the sensibilities, and impacts of the law on more than half of the population of the country. The Bill seeks to endorse the participation of women in judiciary. Hence this Bill.

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