

**[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**– (1) This Act may be called the Central Law Officers (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance VII of 1970.**– In the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, in sub-section (1), for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorneys-General” shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of section 3, Ordinance VII of 1970.**– In the said Ordinance, in section 3, in paragraph (b), for the words and comma “Standing Counsel, he is qualified for appointment as a judge of a High Court” the words and comma “Assistant Attorney-General, he has for a period of not less than seven years been an Advocate of a High Court” shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment of section 3A, Ordinance VII of 1970.**– In the said Ordinance, in section 3A,-

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words “a Standing Counsel” the words “an Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment of section 4, Ordinance VII of 1970.**– In the said Ordinance, in section 4,-

(i) for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorney-General” shall be substituted; and

- (ii) for the full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that an Assistant Attorney-General shall have right of audience before the Supreme Court subject to a licence issued by the Pakistan Bar Council.”

**6. Amendment of section 4A, Ordinance VII of 1970.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 4A, for the words “Standing Counsel” the words “Assistant Attorneys-General” shall be substituted.

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

In line with the recommendation of the Attorney-General for Pakistan the post of the Standing Counsel is proposed to be renamed as Assistant Attorney-General by amending the Central Law Officers Ordinance, 1970 (VII of 1970).

2. The bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

**Minister-in-Charge**