

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

to extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Peshawar High Court to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Peshawar High Court to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Supreme Court and High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction to Federally Administered Tribal Areas) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force on such date or dates and in such Federally Administered Tribal Areas or part thereof, as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, determine from time to time.

2. Extension of jurisdiction of Supreme Court.– The Supreme Court of Pakistan shall have, in relation to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, the same jurisdiction as it has in relation to the province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

3. Extension of jurisdiction of High Court.– The Peshawar High Court shall have, in relation to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, the same jurisdiction as it has in relation to the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In order to bring the people of FATA into the mainstream in accordance with their wishes and aspirations, it is necessary that the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and Peshawar High Court should be extended to such areas for safeguarding their rights and providing them proper administration of justice in accordance with the Constitution.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.

**Minister for Law and Justice
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