

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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**Bill**

*further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (XVII of 2010), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 3, Act XVII of 2010.**— In the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (Act XVII of 2010), in section 3, in sub-section (1), for the word "six", the word "nine" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Islamabad High Court was established under Islamabad High Court, Act, 2010 and became functional in January, 2011. The existing sanctioned strength of Judges of Islamabad High Court is six plus one Chief Justice as per section 3(1) of the aforesaid Act. As intimated by the Islamabad High Court, the present strength of Judges compared to number of pending cases is not sufficient, besides the institution of fresh cases which is increasing every year. It is, therefore, necessary to increase the strength of the Judges of the Islamabad High Court from seven to ten Judges including Chief Justice to overcome the difficulties of litigant public qua early disposal of long pending cases.

The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

*Minister-in-Charge*