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~~[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]~~

A
 BILL

*further to amend the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib
 (Ombudsman) Order, 1983*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983 (I of 1983), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) (Amendment) Act, 2022

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 2, Order I of 1983.- In the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983 (I of 1983), hereinafter referred to the said Order, in Article 2, after clause (1), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(1a) “District Mohtasib office” means the office set up under Article 9(4);”

3. Amendment of Article 9, Order I of 1983.- In the said Order, in Article 9, for clause (4), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(4) The Mohtasib shall set up District Mohtasib offices in every district, all across Pakistan.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Ombudsman has the power to undertake an investigation into any allegation of mal-administration filed by an aggrieved person, on part of any agency or any of its officers or employees and thereafter to pass an order to redress the grievance. Wafaqi Mohtasib, under the Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Order, 1983, is established to provide relief to the people aggrieved by mal-administration of Federal agencies throughout Pakistan. However, while providing the jurisdiction clause vide Article 9 of the Order, it has been made discretionary for the Mohtasib, to establish regional offices of Wafaqi Mohtasib, that may lead to administrative glitch for the provision of justice. This amendment aims at providing mandatory clause regarding establishment of the regional/district offices of Wafaqi Mohtasib, throughout Pakistan, to meet the needs of people and expedite the provision of relief.

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