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## PART I

### Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

*Islamabad, the 18th February, 1975*

The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 13th February, 1975, and are hereby published for general information:—

#### ACT No. XXI OF 1975

*An Act to amend the Political Parties Act, 1962, for the purpose of bringing its provisions into accord with the Constitution*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Political Parties Act, 1962 (III of 1962), for the purpose of bringing its provisions into accord with the Constitution;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Political Parties (Amendment) Act, 1975.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act III of 1962.**—In the Political Parties Act, 1962 (III of 1962), hereinafter referred to as the Act, in section 2,—

(i) for clause (a) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(a) ‘Constitution’ means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;” and

(ii) clause (b) shall be omitted.

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**3. Amendment of section 3, Act III of 1962.**—In section 3 of the Act,—

(i) for sub-section (1) the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“(1) No political party shall be formed with the object of propagating any opinion or acting in any manner prejudicial to the sovereignty or integrity of Pakistan.”; and

(ii) sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

**4. Amendment of section 4, Act III of 1962.**—In section 4 of the Act,—

(a) in clause (1), the word “or” shall be added at the end; and

(b) for clauses (2) and (3) the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“(2) for any person, not being in the service of Pakistan,—

(a) to be a member or office bearer of, or be otherwise associated with, a political party; or

(b) for the purposes of an election to be held under the Constitution, to hold himself out or any other person, not being a person in the service of Pakistan, as a member or to have the support of a political party, the formation, organisation or setting up of which is not prohibited by this Act.”.

**5. Omission of section 5, Act III of 1962.**—Section 5 of the Act shall be omitted.

**6. Substitution of section 6, Act III of 1962.**—For section 6 of the Act the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“6. *Dissolution of political parties.*—(1) Where the Federal Government is satisfied that a political party has been formed or is operating in a manner prejudicial to the sovereignty or integrity of Pakistan, it shall make such a declaration and publish the same in the official Gazette, and upon such publication, the political party concerned shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), stand dissolved, and all its properties and funds shall be forfeited to the Federal Government.

(2) Within fifteen days of making a declaration under sub-section (1), the Federal Government shall refer the matter to the Supreme Court whose decision on such reference shall be final.”.

**7. Amendment of section 7, Act III of 1962.**—In section 7 of the Act,—

(i) sub-sections (1) and (3) shall be omitted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2),—

(a) the words, figure and brackets “sub-section (2) of” shall be omitted; and

(b) for the words “two years”, the words “three years” shall be substituted.

**8. Amendment of section 8, Act III of 1962.**—In section 8 of the Act, sub-section (2) shall be omitted and shall be deemed to have been omitted with effect from eighth May, 1974.

**9. Omission of section 8A, Act III of 1962.**—Section 8A of the Act shall be omitted.

10. **Amendment of section 9, Act III of 1962.**—In section 9 of the Act, for the words “Central Government”, the words “Federal Government” shall be substituted.

11. **Repeal.**—The Political Parties (Amendment) Ordinance, 1974 (XXI of 1974), is hereby repealed.