

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 for the purposes hereinafter appearing:-

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 5, Act XXXV of 1973.**- In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, (Act XXXV) 1973, hereinafter called this Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), in paragraph(a), for the expression "thirty-three" appearing against Sindh Bar Council, the expression "thirty-four" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment in the Schedule Act. XXXV of 1973.**- In this Act, in the schedule, in Group of Districts III appearing in table relating to Sindh Bar Councils, for the expression "1" appearing against Khairpur, the expression "2" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Provincial bar councils are statutory organizations, responsible for safeguarding the rights, interests and privileges of practicing lawyers, regulating their conduct and helping in the administration of justice, Khairpur is a district with more than 2700 active law practitioners including some well-known figurers of legal fraternity and law experts of Pakistan and there is gradual increase in memberships of Khairpur Bar Association. Currently, there is only one member to represent Khairpur, at Sindh Bar Council. Following the principle of parity, the right of representation of members of Khairpur Bar Association, must be preserved.

2. The Bill intends to increase the number of members of Sindh Bar Council, from Khairpur District from 1 to 2.

3. This Bill therefore, seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

Sd/-

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