



House of the Federation

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

ON

**“The Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA)
(Amendment) Bill, 2025”**

Presented by:

**SENATOR RANA MAHMOOD-UL-HASSAN
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT.

I, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, have the honour to present this report on "The Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) (Amendment) Bill, 2025", introduced by Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law & Justice on behalf of Minister In-charge Cabinet Secretariat, in the Senate sitting held on 14th January, 2025. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan	Chairman
2.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3.	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
4.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
6.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
7.	Senator Aimal Wali Khan	Member
8.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
9.	Senator Atta-Ur-Rehman	Member
10.	Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Member
11.	Minister In-charge Cabinet Secretariat	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat considered the Bill in its meeting held on 12th February, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan. The following Honorable Senators were present at the time of consideration and voting on the Bill:-

1.	Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan	Chairman
2.	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
3.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
4.	Senator Aimal Wali Khan	Member

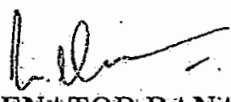
4. The Ministry shared their views through the working paper and informed that 'in light of the Supreme Court's decision in the Mustafa Impex Case (that the Federal Government means the Federal Cabinet), the Federal Cabinet directed that all Ministries/ Divisions should, in consultation with the Law and Justice Division, make amendments in respective Acts/Rules and replace the words Federal Government with appropriate authority (ies) so that the Federal Cabinet is not further burdened with routine cases. The Federal Cabinet in its decision under Case No 243/30/2022-D dated 11-10-2022, again directed that all Ministries/ Divisions shall go through their respective laws/rules and suggest amendments to delegate the authority from level of Federal Government/ Federal Cabinet to an appropriate lower authority. Pursuant to the directions of the Federal Government, Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) submitted

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proposal for amendment in Section 6 (2) of Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 and insertion of a proviso in Sub-Section (2) of Section 6 to delegate the authority of appointment of independent members of the Board of Governors of the Authority from the Federal Government to the Prime Minister.' The law ministry also endorsed the proposed amendment.

5. The Chairman Committee after taking sense of the Committee put the bill to vote and the members unanimously voted in favour of the bill. Accordingly, the Committee unanimously recommended that the "The Special Technology Zones Authority (STZA) (Amendment) Bill, 2025", as introduced in the Senate by Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Minister In-charge Cabinet Division in the Senate sitting held on 14th January, 2025, maybe passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of Bill introduced in the Senate is annexed).


(WAQAR RIAZ)
S.O/ Secretary Committee


(SENATOR RANA MEHMOOD-UL HASSAN)
Chairman Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat

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to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act XVII of 2021.— In the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), in section 6, in sub-section (2),—

(a) the words "and the Independent" shall be omitted; and

(b) for full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that the independent members shall be appointed for a term of four years by the Prime Minister on recommendation of the Secretary of the Division concerned."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pursuant to the direction of the Federal Cabinet, in Case No.243/30/2022 dated 11th October, 2022, to go through the laws/rules and suggest amendments to delegate the authority from the level of the Federal Government/Federal Cabinet to an appropriate lower authority, the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 was examined in consultation with Law & Justice Division. Section 6(2) of the Act ibid provides that the Independent Members of the Board of Governors of the Authority shall be appointed by the Federal Government. In order to delegate the authority from the Federal Government to lower appropriate authority in the proposed law it has been proposed that the independent Members of the Board of Governors of the Authority shall be appointed by the Prime Minister on recommendation of the Secretary of the Division concerned.

2. The Bill titled "Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024" has been designed to achieve the above stated objective.

(Azam Nazeer Tarar)
Minister-In-Charge
Cabinet Division

[سینیٹ میں پیش کیا جائے گا]

خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی روز اتھارٹی ایکٹ، ۲۰۲۱ء میں ترمیم کرنے کا بل

ہر گاہ کہ یہ ترین مصلحت ہے کہ بعد ازیں ظاہر ہونے والی اغراض کے لیے اور ایسے طریقہ کار میں، خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی روز اتھارٹی ایکٹ، ۲۰۲۱ء (۷ ابوابت ۲۰۲۱ء) میں ترمیم کی جائے؛ بذریعہ ہذا حسب ذیل قانون وضع کیا جاتا ہے:-

۱۔ مختصر عنوان اور آغاز نفاذ:- (۱) یہ ایکٹ خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی روز اتھارٹی (ترمیمی) ایکٹ ۲۰۲۱ء کے نام سے موسوم ہوگا۔

(۲) یہ فی الفور نافذ العمل ہوگا۔

۲۔ ایکٹ ۷ ابوابت ۲۰۲۱ء کی دفعہ ۶ کی ترمیم:- خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی روز اتھارٹی ایکٹ، ۲۰۲۱ء (۷ ابوابت ۲۰۲۱ء) میں، دفعہ ۶ کی، ذیلی دفعہ (۲) میں،۔۔

(الف) الفاظ ”اور آزاد“ کو حذف کر دیا جائے گا؛ اور

(ب) آخر میں ختمہ کو، رابطہ سے تبدیل کر دیا جائے گا اور اس کے بعد حسب ذیل فقرہ شرطیہ کا اضافہ کر دیا جائے گا، یعنی:-

”مگر شرط یہ ہے کہ آزاد اراکین کا تقرر وزیراعظم کی جانب سے متعلقہ ڈویژن کے سیکرٹری کی سفارش پر چار سال کی مدت کے لیے کیا جائے گا۔“

بیان اغراض و وجوہ

دفاقی کابینہ کی ہدایت کے مطابق، کیس نمبر 243/30/2022 بتاریخ ۱۱ اکتوبر ۲۰۲۲ء میں، قوانین و قواعد کی جانچ پڑتال کرنے اور وفاقی حکومت و وفاقی کابینہ کی سطح سے اختیار کو مناسب زیریں اتھارٹی کو تفویض کرنے کے لیے ترمیم تجویز کرنے کی بابت، خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی زونز اتھارٹی ایکٹ، ۲۰۲۱ء کا وزارت قانون و انصاف کے ساتھ مشاورت سے جائزہ لیا گیا۔ بحوالہ عین ماقبل ایکٹ کی دفعہ ۶ (۲) فراہم کرتا ہے کہ اتھارٹی کے گورنرز کے بورڈ کے آزاد اراکین کا تقرر وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے کیا جائے۔ مجوزہ قانون میں وفاقی حکومت سے اختیار زیریں معقول اتھارٹی کو تفویض کرنے کے لیے یہ تجویز دی گئی ہے کہ اتھارٹی کے گورنرز کے بورڈ کے آزاد اراکین کا تقرر وزیراعظم کی جانب سے متعلقہ ڈویژن کے سیکرٹری کی سفارش پر کیا جائے گا۔

۲۔ بل بعنوان ”خصوصی ٹیکنالوجی زونز اتھارٹی (ترمیمی) بل، ۲۰۲۲ء مذکورہ بیان کردہ مقاصد کے حصول کے لیے وضع کیا گیا ہے۔

(اعظم نذیر تارڑ)

وزیر انچارج

کیبنٹ ڈویژن