[AS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the National College of Arts Institute Act, 2021

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National College of Arts Institute Act, 2021 (Act No. XXVII of 2021), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Bill shall be called the National College of Arts Institute (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 16, Act XXVII of 2021.— In the National College of Arts Institute Act, 2021 (XXVII of 2021), hereinafter called as "the said Act", in section 16, in sub-section (1),-

(i) for clause (e), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(e) eight eminent persons, including at least three female, each having not less than ten years' experience in administration, management, education, literature, academia, law, accountancy, arts, architecture, media, social and human rights, philanthropy, educational advocacy, industry, technology or engineering, ensuring balanced representation of these fields:

Provided that the special focus or affiliation of the College may be taken into account in appointing persons distinguished in the relevant field of expertise;"; and

(ii) for clause (g), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(g) two eminent educationists from across Pakistan, at least one of whom shall be a female, each being a Professor with experience in the field of arts and not being an employee of the College.".

3. Amendment of section 19, Act XXVII of 2021.— In the said Act, in section 19, in sub-section (1), in paragraph (c), after the expression "three professors" the expression "out of which one shall be female," shall be inserted.

4. Amendment of section 21, Act XXVII of 2021.— In the said Act, in section 21, in sub-section (1). -

(i) in paragraph (c), after the expression "two members" the expression "out of which one shall be female," shall be inserted; and

(ii) in paragraph (d), after the expression "three professors" the expression "out of which one shall be female," shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Cabinet Division communicated Honorable Prime Minister's directive to ensure "*33% women representation in all Federal Boards, Statutory Bodies, Public Sector Organizations, and Allied Committees under the Federal Government (Task No. T16367C)*". In order to ensure compliance of the above directive, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training has started process of making necessary amendments in the existing laws/ charters of the federal Universities/ Higher Education Institutions under the ambit of the Ministry.

2. There is a dire need to bring adequate amendments in the existing National College of Arts Act, 2021. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

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