[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002), 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 Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Ordinance LIII of 2002.**— In the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002), in section 6, in sub-section (3),-

(a) in clause (a), after the word "persons", the comma and words ", out of which three shall be female" shall be inserted; and

(b) in clause (c), after the word "members", the comma and words ", out of which two shall be female", shall be inserted.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Cabinet Division communicated Honorable Prime Minister's directive to ensure "*Women representations in all Federal Boards, Statutory Bodies, Public Sector Organizations and Allied Committees under the Federal Government (Task No. T16367C)*" & substitute the word "*Federal Government*" with the "*appropriate authority*" in relevant laws and rules of the departments under the preview of the Ministries/Divisions. 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 Higher Education Commission Ordinance 2002. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

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