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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 29th August, 2025

No. F.23(68)/2025-Legis.—The following Act of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 28th August, 2025 is hereby published for general information: —

ACT NO. XXIV OF 2025

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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 (XXXV of 1973) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: —

(669)

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[1766(2025)/Ex. Gaz.]

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Substitution of section 5A, Act XXXV of 1973.**—In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, for section 5A, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“5A. Qualifications for membership of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council. — A person shall be qualified to be elected as a member of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council if he,—

- (a) is on the roll of advocates of High Court maintained by the concerned Provincial Bar Council and Islamabad Bar Council for not less than ten years;
- (b) has, on the day of filing of the nomination paper, been an advocate for not less than fifteen years, and has individually conducted not less than thirty decided cases;
- (c) has cleared all the dues payable by him to the Provincial Bar Council and Islamabad Bar Council; and
- (d) has been a voter member of a Bar Association falling in the district, or districts in the case of Karachi, from where he is a candidate for a period of not less than five years.”

3. **Substitution of section 5B, Act XXXV of 1973.**—In the said Act, for section 5B, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“5B. Disqualifications for membership of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council.—A person shall be disqualified to be elected as a member of a Provincial Bar Council and the Islamabad Bar Council if he,—

- (a) was dismissed or removed from the service of Government or of a public statutory corporation; or
- (b) has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years, except the one released five years ago; or
- (c) has furnished false information for the purposes of enrollment with a Bar Council; or

- (d) has been found guilty of professional misconduct; or
- (e) has been declared a tout; or
- (f) is an undischarged insolvent; or
- (g) is guilty of violating the Code of Conduct for the Bar Councils elections framed under section 55(a) of this Act.”.

4. **Amendment of section 7, Act XXXV of 1973.**—In the said Act, in section 7,-

- (a) for the words “so as to conclude on or before the thirtieth day”, the words “on the first Saturday” shall be substituted; and
- (b) after the figure “2020”, at the end, the following new proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided also that in case the elections cannot be held on the first Saturday, for any reasons, it shall be held on the second Saturday of November of the same year.”

5. **Amendment of Schedule, Act XXXV of 1973.**—In the said Act, in the Schedule, for entries related to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council

Group of Districts-I

Name of District Seats

- (1) Peshawar + Khyber07
- (2) Charsada + Mohmand01
- (3) Nowshera01

Group of Districts-II Name of District Seats

- (1) Mardan02
- (2) Swabi01

Group of Districts-III

Name of District Seats

- (1) Kohat + Hangu + Orakzai+ Kurram01
- (2) Karak01

Group of Districts-IV

Name of District Seats

- (1) D.I. Khan + Tank + South Waziristan02
- (2) Bannu + North Waziristan01
- (3) Lakki Marwat01

Group of Districts-V**Name of District Seats**

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| (1) Haripur |01 |
| (2) Abbottabad |02 |
| (3) Mansehra + Batagram+ Toorghar+ Upper Kohistan
+ Lower Kohistan+ Kolai Palas |02 |

Group of Districts-VI**Name of District Seats**

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| (1) Mingora (Swat) |01 |
| (2) Shangla (Alipuri) |01 |
| (3) Daggar (Buner) +Malakand at Batkhela |01 |
| (4) Timargara (Dir)+ Dir Bala+ Bajour |01 |
| (5) Chitral Upper+ Chitral Lower |01”. |

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