

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability *Ordinance*, 1999 (No. XVIII of 1999), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. **Short title and commencement.** - This Act may be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 8, Act XVIII of 1999.**- In the National Accountability *Ordinance*, 1999 (No. XVIII of 1999), for sub-clause (iii) of clause (a) of section 8, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(iii) The Prosecutor General Accountability shall hold office for a period of three (03) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a similar term or terms.”.

STATEMENT OF SUBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 8 of the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVII of 1999) provides that the President of Pakistan, in consultation with the Chairman NAB, may appoint any person, who is qualified to be appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court, as Prosecutor General Accountability for a term of three years. This provision of the Ordinance is very restrictive. To amend the said provision, so that the appointment of Prosecutor General becomes less restrictive, the National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (V of 2021) has been made and promulgated by the President under Article 89(1) of the Constitution.

Minister-in-charge