

**THE PUNJAB DISTRICTS (RECONSTITUTION)  
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**'THE <sup>2</sup>[PUNJAB] DISTRICTS (RECONSTITUTION) ORDINANCE, 1960**

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*[13 December 1960]*

An

Ordinance

*to provide for alteration of limits of districts and constitution of new districts in <sup>3</sup>[the Punjab].*

**Preamble.**— **WHEREAS**, it is expedient in the public interest to provide for alteration of limits of districts and constitution of new districts in <sup>4</sup>[the Punjab];

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in pursuance of the Presidential proclamation of the seventh day of October, 1958, and having received the previous instructions of the President, the Governor of West Pakistan is pleased, in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

**1. Short title and extent.**— (1) This Ordinance may be called the <sup>5</sup>[Punjab] Districts (Reconstitution) Ordinance, 1960.

<sup>6</sup>[(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of <sup>7</sup>[the Punjab], except the Tribal Areas.]

**2. Definition.**— In this Ordinance, “Government” means the <sup>8</sup>[Provincial Government of the Punjab].

**3. Alteration of limits of districts and constitution of new districts.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, Government may, by notification on and from a date to be appointed therein (hereinafter referred to as the appointed date), alter the limits of a district or constitute a new district.

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<sup>1</sup>This Ordinance was promulgated by the Governor of West Pakistan on October 8, 1960, published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated December 13, 1960, pp. 4703-4705; saved and given permanent effect by Article 225 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (1962).

<sup>2</sup>Substituted for the words “West Pakistan” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (1 of 1974) (w.e.f. 14.8.1973), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated November 20, 1974, Article 2(2) read with Schedule, Part III, Serial No. 41.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup>Substituted by the West Pakistan Laws (Extension to Karachi) Ordinance, 1964 (VII of 1964), published in the Gazette of West Pakistan (Extraordinary), dated May 25, 1964, s. 2 read with Schedule, Serial No. 40.

<sup>7</sup>Substituted for the words “West Pakistan” by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (1 of 1974) (w.e.f. 14.8.1973), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated November 20, 1974, Article 2(2) read with Schedule, Part III, Serial No. 41.

<sup>8</sup>Substituted for the words “Government of West Pakistan” by the Order *ibid.*

**4. Application of laws.**— Where in pursuance of section 3 any area (hereinafter referred to as the added area) is added to any district (hereinafter referred to as the district concerned)—

- (a) no law in force in the district concerned immediately before the appointed date, shall, except as hereinafter provided, extend to the added area;
- (b) all laws in force in the added area immediately before the appointed date, shall continue until altered, repealed or amended by a competent authority;
- (c) references in the laws in force in the added areas immediately before the appointed date to any authority, functionary, officer or office, howsoever worded, shall, on and from the appointed date, be construed as references to the corresponding authority, functionary, officer or office in the district concerned;
- (d) Government may, by notified order extend any law which is in force in the district concerned and which the '[Governor of the Punjab] is competent to make, to the added area and thereon any law in force in the added area corresponding to the provisions of such law shall stand repealed.

**5. Adaptations.**— With effect on and from the sixteenth September, 1960, references to the district of Shahpur, howsoever worded, appearing in any Act, Ordinance, order, bye-law, rule, regulation, notification, form or instrument, which immediately before the said date has the force of law, in the said district, shall be construed as references to the district of Sargodha.

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<sup>1</sup>Substituted for the words "Governor of West Pakistan" by the Punjab Laws (Adaptation) Order, 1974 (1 of 1974) (w.e.f. 14.8.1973), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated November 20, 1974, Article 2(2) read with Schedule, Part III, Serial No. 41.