

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

NOTIFICATION

10 November 2014

No.PAP/Legis-2(48)/2014/1147. The Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Bill 2014, having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on 27 October 2014, and assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on 08 November 2014, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab.

THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT 2014

ACT XXIV OF 2014

[First published, after having received the assent of the Governor of the Punjab, in the Gazette of the Punjab (Extraordinary) dated 10 November 2014.]

An Act

further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Act 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Substitution of section 6 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013), hereinafter referred to as “the said Act”, for section 6, the following shall be substituted:

“6. Local areas.— (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, divide a District into urban area and rural area.

(2) For purposes of this Act, the Government shall, by notification, demarcate and declare a local area consisting of:

(a) Lahore District as the Metropolitan Corporation;

(b) rural area in a District, other than Lahore District, as District Council;

(c) urban area in a District, other than the area of a Municipal Committee, as Municipal Corporation; and

(d) urban area in a District, other than the area of a Municipal Corporation, as Municipal Committee.

(3) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, after inviting public objections and suggestions, alter the limits of a local area and declare that any area shall cease to be a District Council, Municipal Committee or Municipal Corporation.

(4) Subject to the Act, any two or more adjoining local governments within a District may, after inviting public objections through a resolution passed by two-third majority of the total membership of each of the local governments, make a proposal to the Government for a change in their respective boundaries subject to the condition that

no revenue estate shall be divided and the size of population in the relevant local area shall, as far as possible, be close to the average population of similar local areas in the District.”

3. Amendment in section 7 of Act XVIII of 2013.– In the said Act, in section 7, after subsection (2), the following subsection (3) shall be inserted:

“(3) Nothing contained in this section shall apply to Union Councils and the Union Councils shall be reconstituted under sections 6 and 9.”

4. Substitution of section 8 of Act XVIII of 2013.– In the said Act, for section 8, the following shall be substituted:

8. Local governments and delimitation.– (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, determine the number of Union Councils in the Metropolitan Corporation, a Municipal Corporation and a District Council and wards for a Municipal Committee in accordance with the First Schedule.

(2) After the demarcation of the local governments under section 6 and determination of the number of Union Councils and wards, the Election Commission shall delimit the Union Councils and wards.

(3) The Election Commission shall delimit and notify the Union Councils and wards on the basis of the principles laid down in sections 9 and 10 and, as nearly as possible, under the Delimitation of Constituencies Act, 1974 (XXXIV of 1974) or any other Act of the *Majlis-e-shoora* (Parliament).”

5. Substitution of section 9 of Act XVIII of 2013.– In the said Act, for section 9, the following shall be substituted:

9. Delimitation of Union Councils.– (1) A Union Council shall be an area consisting of one or more revenue estates or, in the case of an area where revision of settlement under the law has not taken place, one or more census villages or, in the case of an urban area, a census block or blocks as determined for purposes of the last preceding census or a census block or blocks and a revenue estate or revenue estates, delimited and notified as such by the Election Commission.

(2) For purposes of delimitation of a Union Council:

- (a) the area of a Union Council shall be a territorial unity;
- (b) the boundaries of a Union Council shall not cross the limits of the Metropolitan Corporation, a Municipal Corporation or a District Council; and
- (c) the population of Union Councils within a local government shall, as far as possible, be uniform.

(3) The Election Commission shall delimit a Union Council into six wards for the election of members on general seats and into two wards, consisting of three adjoining wards of the Union Council, for the election of the two seats reserved for women.

(4) For purposes of delimitation of a ward of a Union Council:

- (a) a ward shall consist of a village, one or more adjoining villages or, in case of an urban area, a census block or adjoining census blocks;
- (b) the boundaries of a ward shall not cross the limits of the Union Council; and
- (c) the population of wards within a Union Council shall, as far as possible, be uniform.”

6. Substitution of section 10 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the said Act, for section 10, the following shall be substituted:

“10. Delimitation of wards in Municipal Committees.— (1) The Election Commission shall delimit a Municipal Committee into wards for election of members of the Municipal Committee on general seats.

(2) For purposes of delimitation of a Municipal Committee:

- (a) a ward shall consist of a census block or adjoining census blocks;
- (b) the boundaries of a ward shall not cross the limits of the Municipal Committee; and
- (c) the population of wards within a Municipal Committee shall, as far as possible, be uniform.”

7. Amendment in section 11 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 11:

(a) in subsection (1), for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:

“(d) Union Councils; and”;

(b) in subsection (2), clause (a) shall be omitted.

8. Substitution of section 21 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the said Act, for section 21, the following shall be substituted:

“21. Preparation of electoral rolls.— (1) The Election Commission shall cause to be prepared or adapted the electoral rolls for the election of a local government and revise such electoral rolls from time to time, as nearly as possible, under the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (Act XXI of 1974) or any other Act of the *Majlis-e-shoora* (Parliament).

(2) Subject to subsection (1), a person shall be entitled to be enrolled as a voter if he:

- (a) is a citizen of Pakistan;
- (b) is not less than eighteen years of age; and
- (c) fulfils such other conditions as the Election Commission may

specify.

(3) Every person whose name is entered in the electoral roll shall be entitled to cast vote at the direct election of a local government.”

9. Repeal.— The Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Ordinance 2014 (XVI of 2014) is hereby repealed.

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