

**A  
Bill**

*to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the  
Status of Women Act, 2016.*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2016 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016) in the manner hereafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.**---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 2 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016.**---In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2016 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (b), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:

“(b-i) **“Department”** means the Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Empowerment, Department of Government;”.

**3. Amendment of section 7 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016.**---In the said Act, for section 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**“7. Secretary of the Commission.**---(1) The Establishment Department of Government shall post an officer of PAS/PMS of the rank of BPS-19 to act as Secretary of the Commission for a term not exceeding three years.

(2) Notwithstanding the expiry of his term, the Secretary shall continue his duties till his successor enters upon office.”.

**4. Amendment of section 8 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016.**---In the said Act, in section 8, for clause (e), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(e) establish and constitute District Committees with the approval of the Department, to examine and review policies, programs and plans for each office in the district and to ensure that they address gender concerns adequately. The District Committee shall be headed by a female on such terms and conditions and for such period, as may be prescribed in regulations and shall

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consist of such number of other members as the Department may determine:

Provided that two female members of any of the Tehsil Local Governments of the District concerned shall be added to the District Committee.”.

5. **Amendment of section 15 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXVIII of 2016.**---In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (2), in the proviso, for the words and comma “Nazim, District Government”, the words and commas “Department concerned, Mayor, City Local Government and City Local Council or Chairman, Tehsil Local Government and Tehsil Council, as the case may be”, shall be substituted.

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025, aims to improve the operational framework of the Commission for more effective gender equity efforts. In order to simplify the process of lengthy approval from the Cabinet as well as to streamline the process so that District Committee on the Status of Women may be notified by Social Welfare Department, being Administrative Department. The appointment of Secretary to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women shall be filled in by Establishment Department instead of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as the Post of Secretary is Scheduled post. Key amendments include defining the relevant Department responsible for women’s empowerment, establishing clear terms for the Secretary’s appointment, and creating District Committees to oversee gender responsive policies at the local level.

The Bill mandates that District Committees be headed by a female and include female representatives from local governments. It also proposes changes to local government official’s roles in decision making, replacing District Nazims with Mayors and Tehsil Council Chairmen. These changes aim to strengthen the Commission's role in addressing gender issues and ensure increased female participation in governance.

The draft Bill seeks to achieve the above mentioned objectives.

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**MINISTER-IN-CHARGE**



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