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**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING THE PUNJAB LOCAL
GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017 (BILL NO. 6 OF 2017)**

The Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2017 (Bill No. 6 of 2017) was referred to the Standing Committee on Local Government and Community Development on 6th February 2017. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 6th February 2017.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. | Ch Abdul Razzaq Dhillon. MPA (PP-33) | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr Hammad Nawaz Khan Tippu. MPA (PP-254) | Member |
| 3. | Mrs Gulnaz Shahzadi, MPA (W-329) | Member |
| 4. | Ms Surriya Naseem, MPA (W-322) | Member |
| 5. | Mian Muhammad Aslam Iqbal, MPA (PP-148) | Member |

3. Mr Shahid Zaman Lak, Additional Secretary, Local Government and Community Development and Mr Abid Raza Khan, Deputy Secretary (Legislation), Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Hafiz Muhammad Shafiq Adil, Special Secretary, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Mr Shahid Zaman Lak, Additional Secretary, Local Government and Community Development apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. He stated that it was necessary further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) to remove the bar of double membership in certain cases, to empower the Deputy Mayor or Vice Chairman of a local government to preside over the meetings of the local government and to omit the provisions regarding the dissolution of the local governments for purposes of strengthening and securing the local government. He requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having view points of the Administrative Department, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the Bill as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

6. A copy of the Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Committee is at Annexure.

Lahore
6 February 2017

(CH ABDUL RAZZAQ DHILLON)
Chairman
*Standing Committee on Local Government
and Rural Development*

Lahore
6 February 2017


(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND RECOMMENDED
BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 06 of 2017

THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017

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further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013.

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (*XVIII of 2013*) to remove the bar of double membership in certain cases; to omit the provisions regarding the dissolution of the local governments for purposes of strengthening and securing the local governments; and, to empower the Deputy Mayor or Vice Chairman of a local government to preside over the meetings of the local government.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 28 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (*XVIII of 2013*), (hereinafter 'the Act'), in section 28, subsection (4) shall be omitted.

3. Amendment in section 68 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the Act, in section 68, for subsection (2) and subsection (2A), the following shall be substituted:

"(2) A meeting of the Metropolitan Corporation, Municipal Corporation and District Council shall be presided over by the Deputy Mayor or, as the case may be, the Vice Chairman and, in case there is more than one Deputy Mayor or Vice Chairman, by rotation in order of seniority in age for a period of six months each and, in the absence of the Deputy Mayor or Vice Chairman, a member chosen for that purpose by the members present, shall preside over that meeting.

(2A) A meeting of a Municipal Committee and Union Council shall be presided over by the Vice Chairman and, in the absence of the Vice Chairman, a member chosen for that purpose by the members present, shall preside over that meeting."

4. Amendment in section 126 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the Act, section 126 shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has been decided to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (*XVIII of 2013*) to remove the bar of double membership in case of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman; to omit the provisions regarding the dissolution of the local governments for purposes of strengthening and securing the local governments; and, to empower the Deputy Mayor or Vice Chairman of a local government to preside over the meetings of the local government. Hence this Bill.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
06 February 2017

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary