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further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999)

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 6, for sub-section (ba) the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(ba) A person appointed as Chairman NAB shall be a retired Chief Justice or a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan”.

3. **Amendment of section 7, Ordinance XVIII of 1999.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 7, for sub-section (aa), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(aa) A person appointed as Deputy Chairman NAB shall be a retired Chief Justice or a judge or a judge of a High Court of any province”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the National Accountability Bureau are the most important offices of the country. They have to work to eliminate corruption from the country. These office holders should be courageous, law knowing, fully abreast with court procedures and nitty-gritty of the investigation. Therefore, it is only the judges of the superior courts who can fulfill the criteria. Thus, this responsibility should be given to the reputable and honourable judges of the superior judiciary.

2. The Bill aims to seek the above-mentioned objective.

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