

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to amend the National University of Sciences and Technology Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National University of Sciences and Technology Act 1997, (No. XX of 1997) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 10, Act XX of 1997.**- In the National University of Sciences and Technology Act, 1997, (No. XX of 1997) in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words "engineering qualifications and experience" the words "qualifications and experience as prescribed by the Board", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National University of Sciences and Technology Act, 1997 was notified on June 10, 1997. Initially the University was conceived as Engineering University; hence its Rector was required to have "engineering" qualifications only. Over the years, the University has expanded in scope, services and stature and emerged as a leading comprehensive University in the Public sector with the objective of giving the responsibility of the affairs of NUST to a best suited education manager in future it is important to widen the choice for selection of the Rector. It is, therefore, proposed that in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words "engineering" qualifications and experience" the words "qualifications and experience as prescribed by the Board" shall be substituted.

2. The proposed Bill will provide legal cover to appoint a best suited education manager as Rector, NUST.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above said objects.

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