

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 26 of 2016

THE PUNJAB CIVIL COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016

A BILL

to amend the Punjab Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 (II of 1962) to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Appellate Courts, to update the law in the backdrop of the current legal dispensation, and for incidental purposes.

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

- 1. Short title, extent and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Civil Courts (Amendment) Act 2016.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in section 1 of Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Punjab Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 (II of 1962), for brevity cited as the Ordinance, in section 1:
(a) for subsection (2), the following shall be substituted:
“(2) It extends to whole of the Punjab.”; and
(b) for subsection (3), the following shall be substituted:
“(3) It shall come into force at once.”
- 3. Amendment in section 2 of Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Ordinance, in section 2:
(i) for clause (a), the following shall be substituted:
“(a) “Government” means Government of the Punjab.”;
(ii) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted:
“(b) “High Court” means Lahore High Court.”; and
(iii) for clause (f), the following shall be substituted:
“(f) “small cause” means a suit or claim cognizable by a court established under the Small Claims and Minor Offences Courts Ordinance, 2002 (XXVI of 2002);”.
- 4. Amendment in section 3 of Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Ordinance, in section 3, for the expression “the Courts of Small Causes established under the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act, 1887”, the expression “a court established under the Small Claims and Minor Offences Courts Ordinance, 2002 (XXVI of 2002)” shall be substituted.
- 5. Omission of section 11 of Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Ordinance, section 11 shall be omitted.
- 6. Amendment in section 18 of Ordinance II of 1962.**— In the Ordinance, in section 18, in subsection (1), in clause (a), for the words “twenty five hundred thousand”, the words “fifty million” shall be substituted.

7. Omission of section 28 of Ordinance II of 1962.— In the Ordinance, section 28 shall be omitted.

8. Omission of the Schedule of Ordinance II of 1962.— In the Ordinance, the Schedule shall be omitted.

9. Repeal.— The Punjab Civil Courts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 (XII of 2016) is hereby repealed.

MINISTER INCHARGE

**Lahore:
27 June 2016**

**RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary**