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further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 (No. XXXIII of 1997).

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called "the Supreme Court (Number of Judges), (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 2, Act XXXIII of 1997.**- In the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 (No. XXXIII of 1997), in section 2, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that one fourth of the total number of judges of the Supreme Court shall be women."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistan is the only country in South Asia who never had a woman judge in the Supreme Court. It means that not a single judge represents the lives, the sensibilities, and the impacts of the law on more than half of our population of the country. So, it is time that zero-representation of women in the Supreme Court is given due recognition, and we need to take right steps in right direction.

2. This Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

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