**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**11 May 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-2(127)/2016/1423.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

**THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FOURTH AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 21 of 2016**

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*to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013.*

An amendment in the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) is required to empower a rural Union Council with urban characteristics to levy property tax within its areas in addition to other urban local governments.

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 (Fourth Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 116 of Act XVIII of 2013**.– In the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013), in section 116, for subsection (3), the following shall be substituted:

“(3) If a Metropolitan Corporation, a Municipal Corporation, a Municipal Committee or a rural Union Council with urban characteristics has not determined the rate of property tax within its area, the property tax shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1958 (V of 1958).”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Section 116 of the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) provides that where a Metropolitan Corporation, a Municipal Corporation and Municipal Committee has not determined the rate of property tax within its area, the property tax shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of the Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1958 (V of 1958). Part-I of Third Schedule of the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 empowers a rural Union Council having urban characteristics to impose tax on urban immovable property but a rural union council with urban characteristic has not been reflected in section 116 of the Act. Therefore, it is imperative to remove this anomaly and harmonize the provisions of section 116 with Part-I of Third Schedule of the said Act. This Bill proposes to harmonize the provisions of section 116 and Part-I of Third Schedule of the said Act and make provision for a Union Council with urban characteristics to determine rate of property tax. Hence this Bill.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**11 May 2016 Secretary**