**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 35 of 2025**

**THE UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL ‎2025**

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Bill

*to amend certain laws relating to universities and institutes in public and private sector in the Punjab.*

It is necessary to amend certain laws relating to universities and institutes in public and private sector in the Punjab for the purpose hereinafter appearing.

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

1. **Short title and commencement.**–(1) This Act may be cited as the Universities and Institutes Laws (Amendment) Act 2025.
2. It shall come into force at once.
3. **Amendments of certain laws**.– The laws specified in the second column of Schedule appended to this Act, are amended to the extent and the manner mentioned in third column of the Schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

**(see section 2)**

| **S/N** | **Short title of the Act/Ordinance** | **Amendment** |
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|  | The University of the Punjab, Lahore 1973 (Act IX of 1973) | In section 25, in sub-section (1), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:  “(iii) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Agriculture Faisalabad Act, 1973 (XII of 1973) | In section 24, in sub-section (1), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:  “(iii) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore Act 1974 (Act V of 1974) | In section 23, in sub-section (1), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:  “(iii) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Baha-ud-Din Zakariya University Act 1975  (Act III of 1975) | In section 25, in sub-section (1), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:  “(iii) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Islamia University, Bahawalpur Act 1975  (Act IV of 1975) | In section 24, in sub-section (1), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted:  “(iii) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Engineering & Technology, Taxila Act 1994  (Act XII of 1994) | In section 21, in sub-section (1), for clause (o), the following shall be substituted:  “(o) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one femalemember of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi Act 1995 (Act V of 1995) | In section 21, in sub-section (1), for clause (b), the following shall be substituted:  “(b) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Fatima Jinnah Women University, Ordinance 1999 (Ordinance XLIII of 1999) | In section 20, in sub-section (1), in clause (viii), for the words “one women member”, the words “three women members” shall be substituted. |
|  | The University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore, Ordinance 2002 (Ordinance XXIX of 2002) | In section 22, in sub-section (1), after clause (vi), the following new clause (vi-a) shall be added:  “(vi-a) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Health Sciences, Lahore 2002 (Ordinance LVIII of 2002) | In section 26, in sub-section (1), after clause (v), the following new clause (v-a) shall be added:  “(v-a) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab including at least one female member to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore Ordinance 2002 (Ordinance LXXV of 2002) | In section 4, in sub-section (1), after clause (v), the following new clause (v-a) shall be added:  “(v-a) three women members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Southern Punjab Multan Act 2010, (Act XIV of 2010) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (c), the following shall be substituted:  “(c) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Global Institute Lahore Act 2011, (Act XII of 2011) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:  “(d) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Qarshi University Act 2011 (Act XIV of 2011) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:  “(d) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan Act 2013 (Act XXII of 2013) | In section 20, in sub-section (1), for clause (i), the following shall be substituted:  “(i) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The Lahore Garrison University Act 2014, (Act VI of 2014) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (e), the following shall be substituted:  “(e) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The NUR International University Lahore Act 2015, (Act VII of 2015) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (b), the following shall be substituted:  “(b) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Sahiwal Act 2015  (Act XXVI of 2015) | In section 21, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The University of Okara Act 2016 (Act XIII of 2016) | In section 21, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The University of Sialkot Act 2018 (Act IX of 2018) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (c), the following shall be substituted:  “(c) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Narowal Act 2018 (Act X of 2018) | In section 23, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The Punjab Tianjin University of Technology, Lahore Act 2018 (Act XI of 2018) | In section 23, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The University of Rasul, Mandi Baha Uddin Act 2018 (Act XXIII of 2018) | In section 23, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology Dera Ghazi Khan Act 2018 (Act VIII of 2019) | In section 23, in sub-section (1), in clause (i), for the word “two”, the word “three” shall be substituted. |
|  | The Times Institute, Multan Act 2020 (Act XXV of 2020) | In section 18, in sub-section (1), for clause (e), the following shall be substituted:  “(e) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |
|  | The University of Kamalia Act 2022 (Act XVII of 2022) | In section 28, in sub-section (1), for clause (e), the following shall be substituted:  “(e) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;” |

**STATEMENTS OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The laws governing various Universities and Institutes, both in public and private sectors, provide for nomination of Members of Punjab Assembly by Mr Speaker to serve on Syndicates and Board of Governors of these Universities etc. However, there number is different in different Universities etc. In addition to that, there are certain Universities which do not contain provision to this effect. It is need of the hour to give equal representation to public representatives in all the educational institutes for the purpose of improving the functioning of these Universities etc. Hence this bill.

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**MEMBER INCHARGE**

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**March 18, 2025 Secretary General**