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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING "THE PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 18 OF 2025)"

The subject Bill was referred to the Committee on 12.02.2025 and the same was considered by the Committee in its meeting held on 06.03.2025.

2. The following attended:

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| 1. | Mr Muhammad Ashraf Rasool, MPA (PP-138) | Chairperson |
| 2. | Mr Zeeshan Rafique
Minister for Local Government and
Community Development | <i>ex-officio Member</i> |
| 3. | Mr Khurram Khan Virk
Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government and
Community Development | <i>ex-officio Member</i> |
| 4. | Syed Ali Haider Gilani, MPA (PP-213)
Chairperson (PAC-II) | Member |
| 5. | Chaudhry Naveed Ashraf, MPA (PP-50) | Member |
| 6. | Mr Muhammad Bilal Yamin, MPA (PP-6) | Member |
| 7. | Ms Qudsia Batool, MPA (W-330) | Member |
| 8. | Mr Muhammad Ahmad Khan Leghari, MPA (PP-291) | Member |
| 9. | Ms Mehwish Sultana, MPA (W-309) | Member |
| 10. | Mr Naveed Aslam Khan Lodhi, MPA (PP-201) | Member |
| 11. | Mr Tayyab Rashid, MPA (PP-141) | Member |

3. Mr Shakeel Ahmed, Secretary to Government of the Punjab, Local Government & Community Development Department and Mr Shan-ul-Haq, Special Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their departments. Mr Khalid Mahmood, Director General (Parliamentary Affairs & Research), Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. On invitation by the Chair, the Administrative Secretary submitted that a proposal had been made to provide for in accordance with the provisions of Punjab Finance Act, 2024 with regard to Urban Immoveable Property Tax in the Punjab for making its applicability on and from the date of commencement of section 4 of the Act *ibid*. Concluding his remarks, he requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended for passage by the Assembly.

5. The Committee, after hearing the members, having viewpoints of the Administrative Department and Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department as well as considering the Bill clause by clause, unanimously recommended that the Bill, as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

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6. A copy of the Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Standing Committee on Local Government & Community Development is annexed.

(MUHAMMAD ASHRAF RASOOL)

Chairperson

Standing Committee on

Local Government & Community Development

Lahore:

March 06, 2025

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Secretary General

Provincial Assembly of the Punjab

Lahore:

March 06, 2025

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Standing
Committee on Local Government & Community Development)

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Bill

further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2022.

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022) for the purposes 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 Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force on and from the date of commencement of section 4 of the Punjab Finance Act 2024 (VIII of 2024).

2. Amendment of section 102 of Act XXXIII of 2022.— In the Punjab Local Government Act 2022 (XXXIII of 2022), in section 102:

(a) in sub-section (1), after the expression “(XIII of 2019)”, the words “or any other local government law for the time being in force” shall be inserted; and

(b) for sub-sections (2) and (3), the following shall be substituted:

“(2) All urban areas demarcated under this Act shall be the rating areas.

(3) All housing schemes in rural areas, approved under any law for the time being in force, shall also be the rating areas.

(4) The urban immovable property tax shall be levied, assessed, collected and transferred to the local governments under the Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1958 (V of 1958).”.
