

**AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
LAW & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Dated the 27th July, 1977.

The following Act of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir passed by the Joint Sitting, received the assent of the President on 18th July, 1977, and is hereby published for general information :-

(ACT I OF 1977)

AN ACT further to amend the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974 (Act VIII of 1974), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution (Fourth Amendment) Act, 1977.
2. **Amendment of Section 42, Act VIII of 1974** - In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974 (Act VIII of 1974), hereinafter referred to as to the said Act, in Section 42, in sub-section (8-A), Clauses (a) and (b) shall be substituted by the following, namely:-
 - "(a) with the approval of the President, request a person who has hold the office of a Judge of that Court, the Supreme Court of Pakistan or the Judicial Board or has held the office of Judge of the High Court for a minimum period of three years and since whose ceasing to hold that office three years have not elapsed ; or
 - (b) with the approval of the President and, except in the case of Chief Justice with the consent of the Chief Justice of High Court require a Judge of that Court who has held office as such Judge for a minimum period of three years; or
 - (c) with the approval of the President, request any person qualified for appointment as Judge of the Supreme

Court''.

3. **Amendment of the Third Schedule (Act VIII of 1974):-** In the said Act, in the Third Schedule, in entry I, for the word nationalization the word "naturalization" shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been so substituted.

Sd/-
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