

**AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
LAW AND PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,  
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Dated, the 25th November 1975.

No, 3610/ SL/ 75 The following Act of the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the President on the 25th day of November 1975, and is hereby published for general information:-

**(ACT X OF 1975)**

AN ACT to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly (Election) Ordinance 1970;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly (Election) Ordinance 1970 (Ordinance X of 1970), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows;

**1. Short title and commencement:** (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Act, 1975.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 4th day of Sept 1975.

**2. Insertion of Section 15-A Ordinance X of 1970:** In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly (Election) Ordinance 1970 hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance after Section 15, the following new section 15 A shall be inserted namely:-

**15A Retirement form Election etc:-**

(1) A Contesting candidate may retire form the contest by notice in writing signed by him and delivered to the Returning Officer any day not later than seven days before polling day either by such candidate in person or by his propose or seconder authorized in this behalf in writing by such candidate.

(2) A notice of retirement under sub-section (1) shall in no case be open to recall or cancellation.

(3) On receiving a notice of retirement under sub-section (i) the Returning officer shall, if he is deemed that the Signature on the notice is that of the candidate cause a copy of the notice to be affixed at a conspicuous place in his office He shall publicise

this retirement in such other manner as deemed fit.

(4) A person in respect of whom a notice of retirement has been published under sub-section (3) shall cease to be a contesting candidate.

**3. Amendment of section 18, Ordinance X of 1975:** In the said Ordinance, in section (18), in sub-section (i) between the words and figures 'Section 15' and 'only one' the words and figures or where after retirement under section 15-A shall be inserted.

**4. Amendment of Section 35, Ordinance X of 1970.-** In the said Ordinance, in Section 35;

(1) In sub-section (4), clause (c), in sub clause (iv);

(a) The full-stop at the end shall be substituted by semicolon and there after the word "or" shall be added and

(b) After sub-clause (iv), the following new sub-clause (v) shall be added, namely:-

"v) mark in favour of a retired candidate;"

(2) In sub-section 12, after clause (i), the following new clause (j) shall be added namely;

(j) Allot papers marked in favour of a retired candidate.

**5. Amendment of Section 40, Ordinance X of 1970:** In the said Ordinance in Section 40, in sub-section (1), at the end the full-stop shall be omitted and thereafter the words or who has retired form the contest under section 15-A shall be added.

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