

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT ON THE STANDARD TIME (INTERPRETATION OF REFERENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943 (VI of 1943) [The Standard Time (Interpretation of References) (Amendment) Bill, 2025] (Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 5th November, 2025.

2. The Committee comprises the following: -

1) Mr. Ibrar Ahmed	Chairman
2) Mr. Ehsan-ul-Haq Bajwa	Member
3) Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb	Member
4) Ms. Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
5) Ms. Farah Naz Akbar	Member
6) Mr. Nelson Azeem	Member
7) Pir Ameer Ali Shah Jeelani	Member
8) Mr. Irfan Ali Leghari	Member
9) Syed Rafiullah	Member
10) Nawabzada Mir Jamal Khan Raisani	Member
11) Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani	Member
12) Ms. Rana Ansar	Member
13) Mr. Mohammad Awn Saqlain	Member
14) Mr. Muhammad Aslam Ghumman	Member
15) Mr. Ali Asghar Khan	Member
16) Ms. Shandana Gulzar Khan	Member
17) Mr. Khurram Munawar Manj	Member
18) Syed Raza Ali Gillani	Member
19) Ms. Shahida Begum	Member
20) Minister in-charge of the Cabinet Secretariat	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at **Annex-A**; in its meeting held on 26th January, 2026 and recommended that the Bill, as introduced, may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
(SAEED AHMAD MAITLA)
Acting Secretary
Islamabad, 9th February, 2026

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(IBRAR AHMED)
Chairman

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend The Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943 (VI of 1943), in the manner and for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement;-(1) This Act shall be called the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once,

2. Amendment of section 1, Ordinance VI of 1943.-In the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943, hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in Section 1, in sub-section (1), after the word "the", the word "Pakistan" shall be inserted;-

3. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance VI of 1943;- In the said Ordinance, in section 2, the expression "and one-half" occurring twice shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 2 of the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943, specifies Pakistan Standard Time (PST) to be in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) by an interval of "five and one-half hours," reflecting the pre-partition difference of time interval, which does not correspond to the actual difference of (plus) five hours between PST and GMT. The proposed amendment intends to remove this discrepancy.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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Minister in-Charge