

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 26TH JANUARY, 2025.**

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-06/2025-The following Bill is hereby published for general information as required by Rule 98 of Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh, 2013.

THE SINDH CIVIL COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025.

SINDH BILL NO. 06 OF 2025.

**A
BILL**

to amend the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2025. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. In the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962, hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, for section 7, the following shall be substituted:- **Amendment of section 7 of West Pakistan Ordinance No.II of 1962.**

“7. **Original jurisdiction of the Court of District Judge.** (1) Subject to this Ordinance or any other law, for the time being in force, the original jurisdiction of the Court of the District Judge in civil suits and proceedings shall be without limit of the value thereof.”
3. In the said Ordinance, after section 7, as amended above, the following new section shall be inserted:- **Insertion of new section 7-A in West Pakistan Ordinance No.II of 1962.**

“7-A. **Transfer of suits and proceedings.** All suits and proceedings pending in the High Court in original jurisdiction prior to the commencement of the Sindh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2025, shall stand transferred to the Courts of the concerned District Judge.”
4. In the said Ordinance, in section 24 – **Amendment of section 24 of West Pakistan Ordinance No.II of 1962.**

(i) in sub-section (1), the colon at the end shall be replaced by a full-stop and the proviso thereunder shall be omitted;

(ii) sub-section (2-A) shall be omitted.

5. In the said Ordinance, after section 24, as amended above, the following new section shall be inserted:-

Insertion of new section 24-A in West Pakistan Ordinance No.II of 1962.

“24-A. **Transfer of suits.** All suits under section 24, pending in the High Court, prior to the commencement of the Sindh Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 2025, shall stand transferred to the Courts of the concerned District Judge having jurisdiction.”.

6. In the said Ordinance, after section 27, the following new section shall be inserted:-

Insertion of new section 27-A of West Pakistan Ordinance No.II of 1962.

“27-A. **Precedence over other laws.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Ordinance or any other law, for the time being in force, or judgment or decree of any court, the provisions of this Ordinance shall have effect and take precedence and prevail.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In order to consider the overwhelming quantum of pendency of civil suits and proceedings on the Original Side and to consider remedial action through amendments in the relevant sections of the Ordinance of 1962 to eliminate the exception to the jurisdiction of the District Judges in respect of Karachi District which will reduce the case burden from High Court on the one hand and it will provide original jurisdiction (unlimited) to the District Judges in district of Karachi, for proceedings in civil suits at par with other District of the Province as well as the common people will get settled their civil cases/dispute at district level courts without limitation of pecuniary limit of sixty five million rupees in respect of Districts of Karachi on the other hand, it is expedient to amend the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

MEMBER-IN-CHARGE

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