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to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

And whereas Provincial Assembly of the Punjab is not in session and Governor of the Punjab is satisfied that the circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under clause (1) of Article 128 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Punjab Local Government (Third Amendment) Ordinance 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 27 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In section 27 of the Act, after subsection (3), the following subsection (4) shall be inserted:

“(4) A candidate who claims to be a Muslim shall submit to the Returning Officer the declaration given in Ninth Schedule along with the nomination papers.”

3. Amendment in section 144 of Act XVIII of 2013.— In the Punjab Local Government Act 2013 (XVIII of 2013), hereinafter referred to as “the said Act”, in section 144, after subsection (3), the following subsection (4) shall be inserted:

“(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), the Government may, in an emergency and for reasons to be recorded, dispense with the requirement of previous publication required under subsection (1).”

4. Insertion of Ninth Schedule in Act XVIII of 2013.— In the said Act, after Eighth Schedule, the following Ninth Schedule shall be added:

“NINTH SCHEDULE

Declaration

I, _____ s/o, w/o, d/o _____ solemnly swear that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and that I am not the follower of any one who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do neither recognize such a claimant to be Prophet or religious reformer nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

Date:

Signature of the candidate.”