

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department**

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"Muzaffarabad"  
Dated: 19.09.2017

No. LD/Legis-Act/783-98/2017. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, is hereby published for general information.

**[Act XLVI of 2017]**

**An**

**Act**

further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts Act, 1993

**Whereas**, it is expedient further to amend the Family Courts Act, 1993 (Act XI of 1994), in the manner hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Shot title, Extent and Commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2017.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 2, Act XI of 1994.-** In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts Act, 1993 (Act XI of 1994), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 2, clause (e) shall be omitted.
3. **Amendment of Section 4, Act XI of 1994 .-** In the said Act, in Section 4, in proviso to clause (iv), after the words " High Court" the sign oblique and the words "Shariat Court" shall be omitted.
4. **Amendment of Section 14, Act XI of 1994 .-** In the said Act, in Section 14, the words "Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court" wherever occurring shall be substituted by the words "Shariat Appellate Bench of the High Court".
5. **Amendment of Section 21-A, Act XI of 1994 .-** In the said Act, in Section 21-A, clause (b) shall be substituted as under.-  
    “(b) All appeals etc., in respect of family matters pending before  
    Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court under the Azad

Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance VII of 2017) shall stand transferred to the “Shariat Appellate Bench of the High Court.”

6. **Repeal.**- The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Family Courts (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance VII of 2017) is hereby repealed.

(Muhammad Idrees Tabassum)  
Secretary Law