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**PART I**

**Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations**

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

*Islamabad, the 21st February, 2020*

**No. F. 9 (5)/2020-Legis.**—The following Act of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) received the assent of the President on 18th February, 2020 and is hereby published for general information:—

**ACT No. VII OF 2020**

*An Act further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) for bringing procedural reforms in order to provide in-expensive and expeditious justice;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

(63)

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1. **Short title, commencement and extent.**—(1) This Act may be called the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

2. **Amendment of section 1, Act V of 1908.**—In the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 1, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4) The primary objective of this Code is to enable the Courts to,—

(a) deal with the cases justly and fairly;

(b) encourage parties to alternate dispute resolution procedure if it considers appropriate;

(c) save expense and time both of courts and litigants; and

(d) enforce compliance with provisions of this Code.”

3. **Substitution of section 3, Act V of 1908.**—In the said Act, for section 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“3. **Sub-ordination of Courts.**—For the purposes of this Code, the hierarchy and sub-ordination of Civil Courts shall be the same as prescribed in the West Pakistan Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962 (W.P. Ordinance No. II of 1962).”

4. **Substitution of section 6, Act V of 1908.**—In the said Act, for section 6, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“6. **Pecuniary jurisdiction.**—Save in so far as is provided for the Islamabad High Court exercising original civil jurisdiction at Islamabad, all civil suits shall be filed in the following manner, namely:—

(a) where the amount or value of the subject matter of the suit is below rupees fifty million, the suit shall be filed in the court of Civil Judge, as may be prescribed by the High Court; and

(b) where the amount or value of the subject matter of the suit is above rupees fifty million the suit shall be filed in the court of District Judge, as may be prescribed by the High Court.”