

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

“Muzaffarabad”
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No. LD/Legis-Act/812-24/2018. The following Act of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir passed by the Joint Sitting, received the assent of the President on the 13th day of February 2018, is hereby published for general information:-

[Act I of 2018]

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Act

further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974 (Act VIII of 1974), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1. Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Act, 2018.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of Section 2, (Act VIII of 1974).**- In the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974 (Act VIII of 1974), in Section 2,-
 - (i) in sub-section (1), for the definition of the term ‘**Muslim**’, following shall be substituted:-

“ ‘**Muslim**’ means a person, who believes in the unity and oneness of Almighty Allah, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and does not believe in, or recognize as a prophet or religious reformer, any person who claimed or claims to be a prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Muhammad (peace be upon him);”
 - (ii) after the definition of the term ‘**Muslim**’, as substituted above, following new term ‘**Non-Muslim**’, shall be inserted:-

“ ‘**Non-Muslim**’ means a person, who is not a Muslim and includes a person belonging to the Christian, Jew, Hindu, Sikh, Budhist or Parsi community, a person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves ‘Ahmadis’ or by any other name), or a Bahai, or any person who does not fulfill the requirements of a Muslim;” and
 - (iii) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

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