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**Legislative Decree No. (39) of 2012 Amending Certain Provisions of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution,

And Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, as amended,

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby Decree the following Law:

Article One

The texts of Articles (1), (3) Clause (a), (11) Clause (a), and (20) of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives shall be replaced with the following texts:

Article (1):

The Shura Council shall consist of forty members who are appointed and dismissed by a royal order, in accordance with the procedures, standards, and methods determined by royal order.

Article (3) Clause (a):

a. The individual must be Bahraini, with at least ten years having passed since acquiring Bahraini nationality, and must not hold another nationality, except for those holding the nationality of a member state of the Gulf Cooperation Council, provided their Bahraini nationality is original and they enjoy all their civil and political rights.

Article (11) Clause (a):

a. The individual must be Bahraini, and at least ten years must have passed since acquiring Bahraini nationality, and must not hold another nationality, except for those holding the nationality of one of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, provided that their Bahraini nationality is original, and they enjoy all their civil and political rights.

Article (20):

A member of the Representatives Council shall be elected by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast in the election.

If no candidate secures this majority in a constituency, a re-election shall be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If there is a tie for the second place, others with the same number of votes shall also participate in the second election. In such cases, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If more than one candidate ties, a draw shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee on Election Integrity.

In all instances, the Chairman of the sub-committee shall document in the minutes the votes received by each candidate in their constituency. The Chairman and Secretary must sign these minutes, after which the ballot boxes shall be sealed. The minutes and election papers shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee on Election Integrity, who shall announce the winning candidate's name.

Article Two

A new Clause (f) shall be added to Article (11) of Legislative Decree No. (15) of 2002 regarding the Shura Council and the Representatives Council, as follows:

f. Membership in the Representatives Council must not have been revoked due to resignation during the legislative term in which the resignation was submitted.

Article Three

The Prime Minister and the Ministers—each within their jurisdiction—shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Prime Minister

Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

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