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**Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2012 amending some provisions of
the Legislative Decree No. (55) of 2002 regarding the Internal
Regulations of the Shura Council**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Legislative Decree No. (54) of 2002 regarding the Internal Regulations of the Council of Representatives, as amended by Law No. (31) of 2010;

Legislative Decree No. (55) of 2002 regarding the Internal Regulations of the Shura Council, as amended by Law No. (9) of 2006;

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

Hereby Decree the following Law:

Article One

The texts of Articles (126), (137), (138), (139), (140) and (142) of Legislative Decree No.(55) of 2002 Regarding the internal regulations of the Shura Council shall be replaced with the following texts:

Article (126):

The Prime Minister may deliver a statement before the Shura Council or one of its committees on a subject within his competence, and he may authorize one of the ministers to do so.

If the statement is before the Council, it may discuss it or refer it to one of its committees for discussion and expressing any observations it deems appropriate in this regard.

Article (137):

The Chairman of the Shura Council shall refer the draft budget law to the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee immediately upon its submission to the Council by the government, and he shall notify the Council of that in the first subsequent session.

Article (138):

The Council's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee meets with the Council of Representative's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee in a joint meeting to discuss the draft budget law with the government, and each committee shall submit to the Council to which it is affiliated a separate report that includes a general presentation of the foundations on which the draft budget is based and an appropriate statement on each of its parts, noting observations and suggestions submitted by members of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives or the two committees in this regard.

The Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the Shura Council shall submit its report after the end of the joint discussions, within a period not exceeding six weeks from the date the draft was referred to it, and the committee may request the Chairman of the Council to grant it a period not exceeding two weeks to submit a supplementary report in the light of the discussions that took place in the Council of Representatives regarding the draft Law. If the committee does not submit its original or supplementary report within the aforementioned dates, the Council may discuss the draft budget law as it was received by the Council of Representatives.

Article (139):

The Chairman of the Shura Council presents the draft budget law to the Council as soon as it is referred to it by the Chairman of the Council of Representatives, accompanied by the previously prepared report of the Council's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee on the draft law and the supplementary report, if any. Consideration of the budget in the Shura Council and its committees shall take place in an urgent manner,

and the provisions stipulated in Article (189) of this regulation shall apply to the draft budget law.

Article (140):

The discussion of the budget in the Shura Council shall be on the basis of the parts contained therein, and the budget may be prepared for a maximum of two financial years, and it is not permissible to allocate any revenue from public revenues to a specific aspect of expenditure except by law.

Article (142):

Whoever wishes to speak on a topic related to one of the sections of the budget shall register his name after the distribution the draft law, accompanied by the report of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, and before discussing it. The speech requester shall specify the issues that his research will address, and the discussion in the council is limited to the topics raised by the speech requester, and all of this unless the council permits otherwise.

Article Two

The title (Questions) under Chapter Two of Part Four of Legislative Decree No. (55) of 2002 regarding the internal regulations of the Shura Council shall be replaced by the title (Government Statement).

Article Three

Articles (127) through (136) and (185) of Legislative Decree No. (55) of 2002 regarding the internal regulations of the Shura Council shall be repealed.

Article Four

The Prime Minister and the ministers - each within his 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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