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**Legislative Decree No. (49) of 2018 amending some provisions of  
Legislative Decree No. (54) of 2002 regarding the Internal  
Regulation of the Council of Representatives**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution, in particular Articles (38 and 91) thereof;

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

Legislative Decree No. (54) of 2002 regarding Internal Regulation of the Council of Representatives, as amended;

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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 (133), (134), (135), (136), (137) and (139) of Legislative Decree No.(54) of 2002 regarding the internal regulation of the Council of Representatives shall be replaced with the following texts:

**“Article (133):**

Each member of the Council of Representatives shall be entitled to address written questions to the ministers or other members of the Council of Ministers determining the subject matter, in order to seek clarification on matters within their jurisdiction or to inquire about an issue of which the member is unaware or to verify the occurrence of an event brought to their attention.

The question may not be signed by more than one member, and it may only be directed to one minister or one other member of the Council of Ministers.

**Article (134):**

The question shall be signed by the questioner, written as clearly and concisely as possible, and specific to a matter of public importance, it shall not be related to the personal interests of the inquirer, his relatives up to the fourth degree, or any of their clients. The question shall focus on the issues intended for inquiry without commentary. It should not contain inappropriate language, insult the dignity of individuals, authorities or public institutions, harm public order, national interest or civil peace, incite hatred, discrimination or sectarianism. It shall not be related to matters outside the jurisdiction of the minister or other members of the Council of Ministers to whom the question is addressed or refer to a matter that has been previously resolved legislatively, unless the subject of the question remains ongoing during the legislative session in which the question is addressed. It should not request information or statistics unrelated to the subject of the question.

If the question does not meet these conditions, the Speaker may exclude it and inform the member accordingly. If the member is not satisfied with the Speaker's decision and objects thereto in writing within one week from the date of notification, the matter shall be referred to the Council's office for consideration, and its decision in this regard is final.

**Article (135):**

Requests for directing questions shall be recorded according to their dates of receipt in a special register, and the Speaker of the Council shall notify the Minister or other members of the Council of Ministers of the question that complies with the provisions of the previous article within ten days from the date of its submission.

The minister shall respond to the question in writing within a maximum period of fifteen days from the date of notification. The response shall be

provided in writing to the directed questions in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of Article (91) of the Constitution, within a period not exceeding thirty days from the date of notifying the question.

**Article (136):**

The Speaker shall inform the questioner of the answer as soon as it is received, and the question and answer shall be included in the agenda of the first following session of the Council for information, without discussion in case the question and answer pertain to members of the Council of Ministers - other than ministers - or if it is discussed in other circumstances, if necessary.

Also, the question that the minister did not respond to within the specified period in the previous article shall be included in the agenda to be orally answered in the Council. The minister may request a postponement of the answer to a date not exceeding seven days, and his request shall be granted. It shall not be permissible to postpone for more than this period except by a decision of the Council.

For members of the Council of Ministers - other than ministers - they may request in writing the postponement of the answer to the question in writing to a date not exceeding ten days, and their request shall be granted.

**Article (137):**

It shall not be permissible to direct questions related to referred subjects to the Council's committees before the committee presents its report to the Council, and the questions shall not be forwarded to those addressed until the government's work program is approved.

A member shall only be allowed to submit one question within a single month. The total number of questions submitted in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of Article (91) of the Constitution shall not exceed three questions per month.

The questions submitted on one subject or closely related subjects shall be combined when notifying the minister or other members of the Council of Ministers for simultaneous answering.

It shall not be permissible to submit a question that has already been presented by another member in the same session.

**Article (139):**

The Government may, on its own initiative or on the occasion of a question directed to one of its ministers or other members of the Council of Ministers, request a discussion on a specific subject related to the state's public policy to obtain the Council's opinion or provide statements regarding it”.

**Article Two**

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

**King of Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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