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**Law No. (13) of 2016 amending some provisions of Law No. (26) of 2005 regarding Political Associations**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

And Law No. (26) of 2005 regarding Political Associations, amended by Law No. (34) of 2014;

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives have approved the following Law, which we have ratified and enacted:

**Article One**

The text of Article(6) Clause (6) of Law No.(26) of 2005 regarding Political Association shall be replaced with the following text:

**Article (6) Clause (6):**

"The method and procedures for forming the Association's bodies and selecting its leaders, provided that they are not among those of the religious platform or engaged in preaching, guidance, and rhetoric, even without remuneration, and the conduct of its activity, organising its relations with its members on a democratic basis, and defining the political, financial, and administrative competences of each of the bodies and leaders, with a wider guarantee of democratic debate within these bodies”.

**Article Two**

A new Clause numbered (6) shall be added to Article (5) of Law No. (26) of 2005 regarding Political Association, which reads as follows:

**Article (5) Clause (6):**

"The member shall not combine membership in the association with the elevation of the religious platform or the practice of preaching, guidance, and rhetoric, even without remuneration. And in any case, it is not permitted to combine the religious platform with political action".

**Article Three**

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**

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