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**Law No. (25) of 2018 amending Article Three of of Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights, as amended;

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

Law No. (26) of 2005 regarding Political Associations, as amended;

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

**Article One**

The text of the second Paragraph of Article Three of the Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights shall be replaced with the following text:

"The following persons are prohibited from running for the Council of Representatives:

1- A convicted person sentenced to a criminal offence, even if a special pardon has been granted in respect of the sentence or if the person has been rehabilitated.

2- A convicted person sentenced to a term of imprisonment for intentional offences of more than six months, even if a special pardon has been granted.

3- The present leaders and members of Political Associations dissolved by a final judgement for having committed a flagrant violation of the provisions of the Kingdom's Constitution or any of its Laws.

4- Anyone who deliberately harms or disrupts the course of Constitutional or Parliamentary life, by terminating or leaving representative work within the Council, or whose membership has been revoked for the same reasons.

**Article Two**

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**

Promulgated at Riffa Palace:

On: 25 Ramadan 1439 A.H.

Corresponding to: 10 June 2018