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**Legislative Decree No. (44) of 2012 amending certain provisions of the Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Law No. (4) of 1975 regarding the Cadre of Judges, amended by Legislative Decree No. (18) of 1977;

Legislative Decree No. (39) of 2002 regarding the General Budget, amended by Law No (3) of 2007;

Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002 as amended;

And the Civil service Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (48) of 2010;

And after consulting the Supreme Judicial Council,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The text of Article (73) bis of the Judicial Authority Law, promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002, shall be replaced with the following text:

The Supreme Judicial Council shall have an independent annual budget, which begins at the beginning of the State's fiscal year and ends at the end of it.

The President of the Court of Cassation shall prepare the draft budget well in advance of the start of the fiscal year and discuss it with the Minister of Finance. It shall be taken into consideration when preparing the project that both revenues and expenses are included as a single figure.

After approving the State's general budget, the President of the Court of Cassation shall, in coordination with the Minister of Finance, distribute the total appropriations for the budget of the Supreme Judicial Council on the basis of classification in the State's general budget.

The President of the Court of Cassation shall exercise the powers vested in the Minister of Finance in the laws and regulations regarding the implementation of the budget of the Supreme Judicial Council within the limits of the appropriations included therein. He shall also exercise the powers vested in the Civil Service Bureau.

The President of the Court of Cassation shall transfer the surplus financial appropriations that were not disbursed or committed during the past fiscal year to the State's general budget.

The President of the Court of Cassation shall prepare the final account of the budget of the Supreme Judicial Council on the set dates and refer it to the Minister of Finance to include it in the final account of the State's general budget.

Without prejudice to the oversight of the National Audit Office, the budget of the Supreme Judicial Council and its final account shall be subject to the laws regulating the State's general budget and its final account.

A system of salaries, allowances, and benefits for judges and members of the Public Prosecution Office shall be issued by Royal Decree based on a proposal from the Supreme Judicial Council. The Supreme Judicial Council shall issue a regulation regulating the affairs of judges and the Public Prosecution without being bound by the financial and administrative provisions stipulated in the Civil Service Law.

**Article Two**

Law No. (4) of 1975 regarding the Cadre of Judges, amended by Legislative Decree No. (18) of 1977, shall be repealed, and the rules currently in force will continue until the issuance of the system and regulations referred to in the previous Article.

**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**

**Deputy Prime Minister**

**Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa**

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