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**Legislative Decree No. (26) of 2013 amending certain provisions of 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;

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

And after consulting the Supreme Judicial Council,

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 text of Article (69) of the Judicial Authority Law, promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002, shall be replaced with the following text:

**Article (69)**

"The Supreme Judicial Council shall be constituted as follows:

a) President of the Court of Cassation

b) Public Prosecutor

c) A minimum of five current or former members of the judiciary nominated by a Royal Decree for a renewable term of three years.

The King entrusts the President of the Court of Cassation with the presidency of the Supreme Judicial Council."

**Article Two**

A second paragraph shall be added to Article (9) of the Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No.(42) of 2002, which reads as follows:

**Article (9 Paragraph Two):**

"The High Civil Court may issue its rulings by a single judge, provided that his rank is not less than that of a judge of a high court of category (a), in civil and commercial disputes determined by a decision of the Supreme Judicial Council."

**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,**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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