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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. 5714 **18 December 2024**

MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT, 1944

ABOLISHMENT OF REGIONAL DIVISIONS: CREATION OF NEW REGIONAL DIVISIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL COURTS

I, Thembi Simelane, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, acting under section 2(1)(b), (d), (g(i) and (l), of the Magistrates' Court ACT, 1944 (Act 32 of 1944), hereby, with effect from 3 February 2025-

(a) Abolish all existing regional divisions, by withdrawing the Government Notices whereby such divisions were created.

(b) Create new regional divisions as reflected under each item of the Schedule and declare the name by which such regional division shall be known as indicated in that item, consisting of the districts and sub-districts mentioned in that item.

(c) Establish courts for each such region division and

(d) Appoint as places for the holding of court for such regional division, all seats of the magistracy for those districts and sub-districts mentioned in the Schedule under each item, as well as all the centres for those districts and sub-districts mentioned, which have, in terms of section 2(1)(h) of the Magistrates' Court Act, been appointed as places for the holding of a court.

Despite, the withdrawal of all Government Notices, contemplated in paragraph (a) above, criminal proceedings which have already been placed on the court roll for trial in a court for regional division, but have not yet already concluded, shall be proceeded with until the criminal proceedings have been concluded.

Given under my hand at PRETORIA on this the 22 day of OCTOBER Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

MS. T SIMELANE, MP

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 22 OCTOBER 2024

SCHEDULE

Item	Regional Division	Consisting of the following Districts and Sub-districts
1	Eastern Cape	**Alfred Nzo** with the main seat at KwaBhaca, and Matatiele (Maluti) Winnie Madikizela Mandela (Bizana) and Ntabankulu sub-districts. **Amathole** Mnquma; with Amahlathi (Stutterheim), Great Kei (Komgha), Mbashe (Dutywa), Ngqushwa (Peddie) and Raymond Mhlaba (Alice) sub-districts. **Buffalo City** with the main seat at East London with Zwelitsha and Mdantsane sub-districts. **Chris Hani** with the main seat at (Komani) and Emalahleni (Cacadu), Engcobo, Intsika yethu (Cofimvaba); and Inxuba Yethemba (Cradock) and Sakhisizwe (Cala) sub-districts. **Joe Gqabi** with the main seat at Sterkspruit and Elundini (Mount Fletcher), and Walter Sisulu (Aliwal North) sub-districts. **Nelson Mandela** with the main seat at Gqeberha and Kariega, Motherwell and New Brighton sub-districts. **OR Tambo** with the main seat at Mthatha, and Ingquza Hill (Lusikisiki), Mhlontlo (Qumbu), Nyandeni (Libode) and Port St Johns sub-districts. **Sarah Baartman** with the main seat at Makhanda and Blue Grane Route (Somerset East), Dr Beyers Naude (Graaff-Reinet), Kouga (Humansdorp), Ndlambe (Port Alfred) and Sundays River Vally (Kirkwood) sub-districts,
2	Free State	**Fezile Dabi** with the main seat at Kroonstad and Mafube (Frankfort), Metsimaholo (Sasolburg), Ngwathe (Heilbron) and Parys sub-districts. **Lejweleputswa:** Welkom; with Hennenman, Masilonyana (Theunissen), Nala (Bothaville), Odendaalsrus, Tokologo (Boshof).

Item	Regional Division	Consisting of the following Districts and Sub-districts
		Tswelopele (Bultfontein) and Virginia sub-districts **Mangaung:** Bloemfontein, with Botshabelo and Thaba'Nchu Sub-districts. **Thabo Mofutsanyana:** Phuthaditjhaba, with Dihlabeng (Bethlehem), Maluti-A-Phofung (Harrismith), Mantsopa (Ladybrand), Nketoana (Reitz), Phumelela (Vrede) and Setsoto (Ficksburg) sub-districts. **Xhariep:** Trompsburg, with Letsemeng (Koffiefontein) and Mohokare (Rouxville) sub-districts.
3	Gauteng	**Ekurhul** with the main seat at Palm Ridge and Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Daveyton, Germiston, Kempton Park, Nigel, Springs, Tembisa and Tskane sub-districts. **Johannesburg** with the main seat at Johannesburg and Alexandra, Booysens, Lenasia, Randburg, Roodepoort, and Soweto sub-districts. **Sedibeng** with the main seat at Vereeniging and Lesedi (Heidelberg), (Midvaal) Meyerton, Sebokeng and Van der Bijlpark sub-districts. **Tshwane** with the main seat at Pretoria; with Atteridgeville, Bronkhorstspruit, Cullinan, Ekangala, Mamelodi, Moretele, Ga-Rankuwa, Pretoria North and Soshanguve sub-districts. **West Rand** with the main seat at Krugersdorp; with Fochville, Kagiso, (Merafong) Oberholzer, Randfontein and Westonaria sub-districts.
4	KwaZulu-Natal	**Amajuba** with the main seat at Newcastle; with Dannhauser, eMadlangeni (Utrecht) and Madadeni sub-districts. **eThekwini** with the main seat at Durban and eThekwini North (Ntuzuma), eThekwini South (Emlazi) and eThekwini West (Pinetown) sub-districts. **Harry Gwala** with the main seat at Polela; and Greater Kokstad, Ubuhlebezwe (eXobho) and Umzimkhulu sub-districts.

Item	Regional Division	Consisting of the following Districts and Sub-districts
		Ilembe with the main seat at KwaDukuza and Mapumulo and Ndwedwe sub-districts. **King Cetshwayo** with the main seat at Empangeni and Empangeni (eMthonjaneni), Nkandla and Mlazi (Eshowe) sub-districts. **Ugu** with the main seat at Port Shepstone and Umdoni (Scottburgh), Umuziwabantu (Harding) and Umzumbe sub-districts. **uMgungundlovu** with the main seat at Pietermaritzburg and uMgungundlovu East (Camperdown) and uMgungundlovu West (Howick) sub-districts. **Umkhanyakude** with the main seat at Ubombo and Ingwavuma, Mtubatuba and uMhlabuyalingana (Manguzi) sub-districts. **Umzinyathi** with the main seat at Dundee and uMsinga, Nquthu and Umvoti (Greytown) sub-districts. **uThukela** with the main seat at Ladysmith and Ezakheni, Inkosi Langalibalele (Estcourt) and Okhahlamba (Bergville) sub-districts. **Zululand** with the main seat at Ulundi and AbaQulusi (Vryheid), Nongoma and uPhongolo sub-districts,
5	Limpopo	**Capricon** with the main seat at Polokwane and Blouberg (Senwabarwana), Lepelle-Nkumpi (Lebowakgomo), Mankweng, Morebeng and Seshego sub-districts. **Mopani** with the main seat at Giyani and Lenyenye, Letaba (Ga-Kgapane), Lulekani, Namakgale, Nkowankowa, Phalaborwa and Tzaneen sub-districts. **Sekhukhune** with the main seat at Groblersdal and Moutse, Nebo, Praktiseer and Sekhukhune sub-districts.

Item	Regional Division	Consisting of the following Districts and Sub-districts
		Vhembe with the main seat at Thohoyandou and Dzanani, Louis Trichardt, Malamulele, Musina, Mutale, Tiyani, Tshilwavusiku, Tshitale, Vuwani and Waterval sub-districts. **Waterberg** with the main seat at Modimolle; and Bela-Bela, Lephalale, Mahwelereng, Mokopane, Mookgophong, Northam, Phalala and Thabazimbi sub-districts.
6	Mpumalanga	**Ehlanzeni** with the main seat at Mbombela and Barberton, Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi (Tonga), Nsikazi (Kabokweni), Thaba Chweu (Mashishing) and White River sub-districts. **Gert Sibande** with the main seat at Ermelo and Chief Albert Luthuli (Elukwatini), Dipaleseng (Balfour), Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme (Volksrust), Govan Mbeki (Evander), Lekwa (Standerton) and Mkhondo (eMkhondo) sub-districts. **Nkangala** with the main seat at Middelburg and Dr JS Moroka (Siyabuswa), Emakhazeni (eMakhazeni), eMalahleni, Thembisile Hani (KwaMhlanga) and Victor Khanye (Delmas) sub-districts.
7	Northern Cape	**Frances Baard** with the main seat at Kimberley and Barkley West, Galeshewe, Hartswater, Jan Kempdorp and Warrenton sub-districts. **John Taolo Gaetsewe** with the main seat at Kuruman and Kathu, Kudumane, and Olifantshoek sub-districts. **Namaqualand** with the main seat at Springbok and Calvinia, Fraserburg, Garies, Pofadder, Sutherland, Port Nolloth and Williston sub-districts. **Pixley Ka Seme** with the main seat at De Aar and Britstown, Carnarvon, Colesberg, Douglas, Griekwastad, Hanover, Hopetown, Noupoort, Phillipstown, Prieska, Richmond, and Victoria West sub-districts.

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		ZF Mgcawu with the main seat at Upington and Groblershoop, Kakamas, Keimoes, Kenhardt, and Postmasburg sub-districts.
8	North West	**Bojanala Platinum** with the main seat at Rustenburg and Kgetleng River (Koster), Madibeng (Brits), Madikwe, Moses Kotane (Mogwase) and Swartruggens sub-districts. **Dr Kenneth Kaunda** with the main seat at Klerksdorp and JB Marks (Potchefstroom) and Maquassi Hills (Wolmaranstad) sub-districts. **Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati** with the main seat at Vryburg and Gretaer Taung, Kagisano Molopo and Lekwa-Teemane sub-districts. **Ngaka Modiri Molema** with the main seat at Mmabatho and Ditsobotla, Ramotshere Moiloa, Ratlou and Tswaing sub-districts.
9	Western Cape	**Cape Town** with the main seat at Cape Town and Atlantis, Bellville, Goodwood, Khayelitsha, Kuils River, Mitchells' Plain, Simons Town, Somerset West, Strand and Wynberg sub-districts. **Cape Winelands** with the main seat at Worcester and Drakenstein (Paarl), Langeberg (Robertson), Stellenbosch and Witzenberg (Ceres) sub-districts. **Central Karoo** with the main seat at Beaufort West and Laingsburg and Prince Albert sub-districts. **Garden Route** with the main seat at George and Hessequa (Riversdale), Kannaland (Ladismith), Knysna, Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn sub-districts. **Overberg** with the main seat at Hermanus and Cape Agulhas (Bredasdorp), Swellendam and Theewaterskloof (Caledon) sub-districts. **West Coast** with the main seat at Vredendal; and Bergrivier , Cederberg (Clanwilliam), Saldanah Bay (Vredenburg) and Swartland (Malmesbury) sub-districts.

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