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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. 5991 **14 March 2025**

MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT, 1944

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

1. I, Mmamoloko Kubayi, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, acting under section 2(1)(b), (g(i), (i) and (l), of the Magistrates' Court ACT, 1944 (Act 32 of 1944), hereby-

   (a) abolish all existing regional divisions and withdraw Government Notices No. 219, published in Government Gazette No. 26091 dated 27 February 2003 and Government Notice No. 5714, published in Government Notice No. 51777 dated 18 December 2024.

   (b) create and declare the names of the regional divisions in Column A of the Schedule, consisting of the districts and sub-districts indicated in Column B of the Schedule;

   (c) establish courts for each such regional divisions and

   (d) appoint as places for the holding of court for each regional division, all seats of the magistracy for those districts and sub-districts indicated in Column B of the Schedule 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' Courts Act, been appointed as places for the holding of a court.

2. This notice is deemed to have come into operation on 3 February 2025.

3. Despite, the withdrawal of all Government Notices, referred to 1(a) above, proceedings which have already been placed on the court roll for trial, but have not been concluded on the date referred to in paragraph 2 of this notice and concluded as if this notice has not been published.

Given under my hand at Pretoria on this the 2nd day of March Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

MT KUBAYI, MP
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 Crane 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). 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	**Ekurhuleni** with the main seat at Palm Ridge and Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Daveyton, Germiston, Kempton Park, Nigel, Springs, Tembisa and Tskane sub-districts.

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		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. **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	**Capricorn** with the main seat at Polokwane and Blouberg (Senwabarwana), Lepelle-Nkumpi (Lebowakgomo), Mankweng, Morebeng and Seshego sub-districts.

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		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. **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	**Francis 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. **ZF Mgcawu** with the main seat at Upington and Groblershoop, Kakamas, Keimoes, Kenhardt, and Postmasburg sub-districts.

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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 Greater 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), Saldanha Bay (Vredenburg) and Swartland (Malmesbury) sub-districts.

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