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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. 7648 **2 July 2026**

SUPERIOR COURTS ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2013)

DETERMINATION OF THE AREAS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE MAIN AND LOCAL SEATS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. I, Mmamoloko Kubayi, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, in terms of section 6(3)(a) and (c) of the Superior Courts Act, 2013 (Act No. 10 of 2013), read with Item 16(6)(a) and (b) of Schedule 6 to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and after consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, hereby with effect from 1 July 2026 and as indicated in the Schedule-

   (a) withdraw Government Notice No. 1266 published in Government Gazette No. 39540, dated 21 December 2015, determining the areas under jurisdiction of the Limpopo Division of the High Court and establishing the Lephalale Magistrate's Court as the local seat of the Division;
   (b) withdraw Government Notice No. 408 published in Government Gazette No. 41552, dated 29 March 2018, determining the areas under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng and North West Divisions of the High Court;
   (c) withdraw Government Notice No. 615 published in Government Gazette No. 42420, dated 26 April 2019, determining the areas under the jurisdiction of the Mpumalanga Division of the High Court;
   (d) determine, the areas under jurisdiction of the main seats mentioned under Column "B", of the Divisions mentioned under Column "A", as described under Column "D" of the Schedule; and, -
   (e) determine the areas under jurisdiction of the local seats mentioned under Column "C" of the Divisions mentioned under Column "A" as described under Column "D" of the Schedule.

2. Despite the publication of this Notice and the withdrawal of the Government Notices to in paragraph 1(a)(b) and (c) above, proceedings which have already been placed on the court roll for trial, but have not been concluded before the coming into effect of this Notice, must be concluded as if this Notice has not been published. described under Column "D" of the Schedule.

Signed at Pretoria on this the 27 day of June Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

MS MT KUBAYI, MP
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SCHEDULE

COLUMN A DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT	COLUMN B MAIN SEAT	COLUMN C LOCAL SEAT	COLUMN D DETERMINED AREA UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE MAIN AND LOCAL SEATS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
Eastern Cape	Makhanda		Portion of the Sarah Baartman Magisterial District, consisting of the areas of Makhanda, Alicedale, Somerset East, Cookhouse, Pearston, Graaf-Reinet, Aberdeen, Jansenville, Klipplaat, Steytlerville, Willowmore, Port Alfred, Alexandria, Kenton-on-Sea, Kinkelbos and Peterson excluding the towns of Kirkwood and Addo. The following areas of Sarah Baartman to be excluded, the Kouga Sub-District, which consists of the Kouga and Koukamma. Portion of Amathole Magisterial District with the seat at Mnquma and Raymond Mhlaba Sub-District which includes the areas of Adelaide, Bedford, Fort Beaufort, Seymour and Balfour. Portion of Chris Hani Magisterial District, consisting of the Inxuba Yethemba Sub-District, which includes the areas of Nxuba (Cradock). (The area of Murraysburg in the Western Cape to be excluded).
		Bisho	areas of Stutterheim, Carthcart and Keiskammahoek, the entire Buffalo City Magisterial District which includes the areas of (KuGompo) East London, Zwelitsha, Dimbaza, Qonce (King Williams Town) and Mdantsane. The Chris Hani Magisterial District consisting of Komani, which includes the areas of Hofmeyr, Molteno, Ntabethemba, Sterkstroom, Tarkastad, Ezibeleni and Whittlesea. A portion of the Emalahleni Sub-District which includes the area of Dordtrecht, excluding the area of Indwe. The Sakhisizwe Sub-District, excluding the areas of Cala and Khowa (Elliot). A portion of Joe Gqabi Magisterial District, consisting of the areas of Sterspruit and Lady Grey and the Walter Sisulu Sub-District, which includes the areas of Maletswai (Aliwal North) and Venterstad. A portion of the Amathole Magisterial

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			District, consisting of the areas of Alice and Middledrift. A portion of Intsika Yethu Sub-District, excluding the towns of Tsomo and Cofimvaba.
		Gqeberha	The entire Nelson Mandela Bay Magisterial District with the seat at Gqeberha and which includes the areas of Gqeberha, Gelvandale, Motherwell, New Brighton, Kariega (Uitenhage) and KwaNobuhle and Portion of the Sarah Baartman Magisterial District consisting of Sunday's River Valley Sub-District consisting of the towns of Kirkwood and Addo and the Komga Sub-District, which includes the areas of Humansdorp, Hankey, Patensie, Stormsrivier, Joubertina and Kareedouw.
		Mthatha	The entire Alfred Nzo Magisterial District with the seat at KwaBhaca (Mount Frere) and and KwaBhaca (Mount Frere), eMaXesibeni (Mount Ayliff), the Matatiele Sub-District, which includes the areas of Matatiele and Maluti. The Winnie Madikizela Mandela Sub-District, which includes the areas of Bizana and Mzamba and the Ntabankulu Sub-District, which includes the areas of Ntabankulu and Cweraland. A portion of the Amathole Magisterial District, consisting of the areas of Mnquma (Butterworth) and Centane. The Mbashe Sub-District, which includes the areas of Dutywa, Xhora (Elliotdale) and Willowvale. A portion of Emalahleni Sub-Disdtrict which includes the area of Cacadu (Lady Frere) A portion of Chris Hani Magisterial District, consisting of the areas of the Engcobo Sub-District, which includes the areas of Ngcbo and Dalasile. A portion of the Joe Ggabi Magisterial District consisting of the areas of Barkley East and Elundini Sub-Districts, which includes the areas of Mount Fletcher, Nqanqarhu (Maclear) and Ugie. The entire OR Tambo Magisterial District with the seat at Mthatha and includes the areas of Mthatha,

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			Bityi, Mqanduli, Kwaaiman, Lusikisiki, Flagstaff, Mtonsasa, Libode, Ngqeleni, Qumbu, Tina Falls, Tsolo and Port St Johns. A portion of Intsika Yethu Sub-District, consisting of the areas of Tsomo and Cofimvaba. A portion of the Sakhisizwe Sub-District consisting of the areas of Khowa (Elliot) and Cala. A portion of the Emalahleni Sub-District, consisting of the area of Indwe.
Free State	Bloemfontein		The Free State Province entire province consisting of the following Magisterial Districts and Sub-Districts, The entire Fezile Dabi Magisterial District with the main seat at Kroonstad and Mafube (Frankfort), Metsimaholo (Sasolburg), Ngwathe (Heilbron) and Parys Sub-Districts. The entire Lejweleputswa Magisterial Districts with the seat at Welkom; and Hennenman, Masilonyana (Theunissen), Nala (Bothaville), Odendaalsrus, Tokologo (Boshof). Tswelopele (Bultfontein) and Virginia Sub-Districts. The entire Mangaung Magisterial District with the seat at: Bloemfontein and Botshabelo and Thaba'Nchu Sub-Districts. The entire Thabo Mofutsanyana Magisterial District with the seat at: Phuthaditjhaba and Dihlabeng (Bethlehem), Maluti-A-Phofung (Harrismith), Mantsopa (Ladybrand), Nketoana (Reitz), Phumelela (Vrede) and Setsoto (Ficksburg) Sub-Districts. The entire Xhariep Magisterial District with the seat at: Trompsburg and Letsemeng (Koffiefontein) and Mohokare (Rouxville) Sub-Districts.
Gauteng	Pretoria		The entire Tshwane Magisterial District with the seat at Pretoria and Atteridgeville, Bronkhorstspruit, Cullinan, Ekangala, Mamelodi, Moretele (Temba), Ga-Rankuwa (Odi), Pretoria North and Soshanguve Sub-Districts (excluding Brits)

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		Johannesburg	The entire Ekurhuleni Magisterial District with the seat at Palm Ridge and Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Daveyton, Germiston, Kempton Park, Nigel, Springs, Tembisa and Tsakane Sub-Districts. The entire Johannesburg Magisterial District with the seat at Johannesburg and Alexandra, Booysens, Lenasia, Randburg, Roodepoort, and Soweto Sub-Districts The entire Sedibeng Magisterial District with the seat at Vereeniging and Lesedi (Heidelberg), (Midvaal) Meyerton, Sebokeng and Van der Bijlpark Sub-Districts. The entire West Rand Magisterial District with the main seat at Krugersdorp and Fochville, Kagiso, (Merafong) Oberholzer, Randfontein and Westonaria Sub-Districts.
KwaZulu Natal	Pietermaritzburg		The entire Amajuba Magisterial District with the main seat at Newcastle and Dannhauser, eMadlangeni (Utrecht) and Madadeni Sub-Districts. The entire Harry Gwala Magisterial District with the main seat at Polela, and Greater Kokstad, Ubuhlebezwe (eXobho) and Umzimkhulu Sub-Districts. The entire uMgugundlovu Magisterial District with the main seat at Pietermaritzburg and uMgungundlovu East (Camperdown) and uMgungundlovu West (Howick) Sub-Districts. The entire uThukela Magisterial District with the main seat at Ladysmith and Ezakheni, Inkosi Langalibalele (Estcourt) and Okhahlamba (Bergville) Sub-Districts. The entire Umzinyathi Magisterial District with the main seat at Dundee and uMsinga, Nquthu and Umvoti (Greytown) Sub-Districts.
		Durban	The entire eThekwini Magisterial District with the seat at Durban and eThekwini North (Ntuzuma), eThekwini South (Emlazi) and eThekwini West (Pinetown) Sub-Districts The entire ilembe Magisterial District with the main seat at KwaDukuza and Maphumulo and Ndwedwe Sub-Districts. The entire Ugu Magisterial

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			District with its main seat at Port Shepstone and Umdoni (Scottburgh), Umuziwabantu (Harding) and Umzumbe Sub-Districts. The entire King Cetshwayo Magisterial District with the main seat at Empangeni (eMthonjaneni) and Nkandla and Mlalazi (Eshowe) Sub-Districts. The entire Umkhanyakude Magisterial District with the main seat at Ubombo and Ingwavuma, Mtubatuba and uMhlabuyalingana (Manguzi) Sub-Districts. The entire Zululand Magisterial District with the main seat at Ulundi and AbaQulusi (Vryheid), Nongoma and uPhongolo Sub-Districts.
Limpopo	Polokwane		The entire Capricorn Magisterial District with the main seat at Polokwane and Blouberg (Senwabarwana), Lepelle-Nkumpi (Lebowakgomo), Mankweng, Morebeng and Seshego Sub-Districts. The Mopani Magisterial District (excluding the Giyani Main Seat of the Mopani Magisterial District) but including the Sub-Districts of Lenyenye, Letaba (Ga-Kgapane), Lulekani, Namakgale, Nkowankowa, Phalaborwa and Tzaneen Sub-Districts. The entire Sekhukhune Magisterial District with the main seat at Groblersdal and Moutse, Nebo, Praktiseer and Sekhukhune Sub-Districts. The entire Waterberg Magisterial District with the main seat at Modimolle; and Bela-Bela, Lephalale, Mahwelereng, Mokopane, Mookgophong, Northam, Phalala and Thabazimbi Sub-Districts.
		Thohoyandou	Portion of the Mopani Magisterial District, consisting of the Giyani main seat. The entire Vhembe Magisterial District with the main seat at Thohoyandou and Dzanani, Louis Trichardt, Malamulele, Musina, Mutale, Tiyani, Tshilwavhusiku, Tshitale, Vuwani and Waterval Sub-Districts.
Mpumalanga	Mbombela		The entire Ehlanzeni Magisterial District with the main seat in Mbombela and the Barberton, Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi, Nsikazi, Thaba Chweu and White River Sub-

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			Districts. The Chief Albert Luthuli Sub-District of the Gert Sibande Magisterial District.
		Middelburg	The entire Nkangala Magisterial District with the main seat in Middelburg and Dr JS Moroka, Emakhazeni, eMalahleni, Thembisile Hani and Victor Khanye Sub-Districts. The remainder of the Gert Sibande Magisterial District with the main seat in Ermelo, Dipaleseng, Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme, Govan Mbeki, Lekwa and Mkhondo Sub-Districts.
Northern Cape	Kimberley	-	The entire province consisting of the following Magisterial Districts and Sub-Districts, 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 Magisterial District 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.
North West	Mahikeng		The entire province consisting of the following Magisterial Districts and Sub-Districts, Bojanala Platinum with the main seat at Rustenburg and Kgetleng River (Koster), Madibeng (Brits) excluding Ga-Rankuwa (Odi) and Moretele (Temba) Sub-Districts, Madikwe, Moses Kotane (Mogwase) and Swartruggens Sub-Districts. Dr Kenneth Kaunda Magisterial District with the main seat at Klerksdorp and JB Marks (Potchefstroom) and Maquassi Hills

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			(Wolmaranstad) Sub-Districts. Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati with the main seat at Vryburg and Greater Taung, Kagisano Molopo, Mamusa and Lekwa-Teemane sub-districts. Ngaka Modiri Molema with the main seat at Mmabatho and Ditsobotla, Ramotshere Moiloa, Ratlou and Tswaing Sub-Districts.
Western Cape	Cape Town		The entire province, consisting of the following Magisterial Districts and Sub-Districts, Cape Town Magisterial District with the main seat in Cape Town and Atlantis, Bellville, Goodwood, Khayelitsha, Kuils River, Mitchells' Plain, Simons Town, Somerset West, Strand and Wynberg Sub-Districts. Cape Winelands Magisterial District with the main seat at Worcester and Drakenstein (Paarl), Langeberg (Robertson), Stellenbosch and Witzenberg (Ceres) Sub-Districts. Central Karoo Magisterial District with the main seat at Beaufort West and Laingsburg and Prince Albert Sub-Districts. Garden Route Magisterial District with the main seat at George and Hessequa (Riversdale), Kannaland (Ladismith), Knysna, Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn Sub-District. Overberg Magisterial District with the main seat at Hermanus and Cape Agulhas (Bredasdorp), Swellendam and Theewaterskloof (Caledon) Sub-Districts. West Coast Magisterial District with the main seat at Vredendal; and Bergrivier, Cederberg (Clanwilliam), Saldanha Bay (Vredenburg) and Swartland (Malmesbury) Sub-Districts.

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