

LAW N. 8 of 8 February, 1967.

«Organization of the Regions and Districts».

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
TAKING NOTE of the approval of the National Assembly;
HEREBY PROMULGATES
the following Law:

Part I — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1

Territorial Division of the State

1. The territory of the State shall be divided into Regions.
2. Each Region shall be divided into Districts.

Art. 2

Regions and Districts

1. Regions and Districts shall be established by Decree of the President of the Republic, on the proposal of the Minister of Interior, having heard the Council of Ministers.

2. The merger, incorporation, abolition, or modification of any Region or District may be effected following the procedure referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Part II — ORGANIZATION OF REGIONS

Art. 3

Regional Governor

1. The Regional Governor shall be the head of the Region.
2. He shall be appointed by decree of the President of the Republic on the proposal of the Minister of Interior, having heard the Council of Ministers.

Art. 4

General Functions of the Regional Governor

1. The Regional Governor shall be the highest administrative authority and shall represent the Government in the Region.
2. The Regional Governor shall be under the Minister of Interior, from whom he shall receive orders and instructions.
3. In his capacity as the representative of the Government, the Regional Governor shall co-ordinate and direct the implementation of the Government initiatives within the Region, and shall directly

deal with the other Ministers and organs of the Government on questions relating to the matters and services within their respective competence.

Art. 5

Functions of the Regionale Governors as a Public Order Authority

1. The Regional Governor shall be the local organ responsible for public order and security within the Region.

2. The Regional Commands and the respective territorial and mobile units of the Police Force and of the Ilalo Corps shall, within the limits established by law, be under the authority of the Regional Governor, who shall also avail himself of the services of the District Commissioners and of the collaboration of the Chairmen of the Local Councils and shall co-ordinate and direct their activity for the purpose of ensuring the maintenance of public order and security.

3. The Regional Governor may also:

- a) in cases of necessity request, through the Ministry of Interior, the intervention of the Army and other military and para-military Corps of the State;
- b) in cases of urgent necessity, and in agreement with the local Commanding Officers of the Army, make such requests directly, giving immediate notice thereof to the Ministry of Interior.

Art. 6

Other Functions of the Regional Governor

Within the respective Regions, the Regional Governors shall exercise the following specific functions:

- a) they shall be responsible for the circulation of Laws and Regulations;
- b) they shall exercise supervision over Local Administrations and other local Public Bodies, in the manner and within the limits prescribed by laws or regulations;
- c) they shall have the power to issue ordinances, on the matters and within the limits prescribed by law;
- d) in case of urgent necessity, they shall take appropriate measures for safeguarding public properties;
- e) they shall prepare the annual budget of the Region and Districts;
- f) they shall take steps towards spreading of education;
- g) they shall supervise the registration of associations and non-commercial private Corporations, within the Region;

- h) they shall safeguard the social, economic and cultural interests of the population and, in particular, of the workers,
- i) they shall supervise the activity of the District Commissioners;
- l) they shall co-ordinate the political, economic and social life of the Region and the activities of all its Offices, Commands and services;
- m) they shall perform any other function attributed to them by special Laws or Regulations.

Art. 7

Deputy Regional Governor

A Deputy Regional Governor may be appointed, under each Regional Governor, following the procedure laid down in Art. 3 (2) of this Law. The Deputy Regional Governor shall assist the Regional Governor and substitute him in the case of his absence or incapacity.

Art. 8

Regional Offices

1. Regional administrative offices shall be established on the basis of the Regional Governor's functions referred to in the preceding articles.

2. The organization of such offices shall be established by decrees on the President of the Republic on the proposal of the Minister of Interior, having heard the Council of Ministers.

Part III — ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICTS

Art. 9

District Commissioner

The District Commissioner shall be the head of the District. He shall be appointed following the procedure laid down in Art. 3 (2) of this Law.

Art. 10

Functions of the District Commissioner

1. The District Commissioner shall be directly under the Regional Governor.

2. He shall perform, within the District, the functions referred to in Articles 5 and 6 (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (h), (l) of this Law and any other function attributed to him by special Law and Regulations,

Art. 11

Sub-Districts

1. Sub-districts may be established in the territorially large Districts, following the procedure laid down in Art. 2 of this Law. The Sub-districts shall be under the District Commissioner and shall perform the functions specified in the Decree establishing them.

2. A Head of Sub-district, appointed by decree of the Minister of Interior, shall be in charge of each Sub-district.

Art. 12

District Offices

District Offices shall be organized in a manner similar to that provided for in Art. 8 of this Law.

Part IV — FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 13

Abrogation

The following provisions are hereby abrogated:

- a) Administrator's Decree N. 78 of 18 May 1956;
- b) Articles 2 to 5 of Presidential Decree N. 218 of 20 August 1963;
- c) any other provision contrary to or inconsistent with this Law.

Art. 14

Entry into Force

This Law shall come into force on the day following the date of its publication.

This Law shall be included in the Official Compilation of Laws and Decrees of the Somali Republic and published in the Official Bulletin.

All persons shall be required to observe it and to cause others to observe it as a law of the State.

Mogadishu, 8 February, 1967.

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