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Law on Territorial Organization of the Local Self-Government in the Republic of Macedonia

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
This law regulates the territorial organisation of the local self-government in the Republic of Macedonia, establishes the municipalities, determines the territory of the municipalities and the City of Skopje being a particular unit of local self-government, determines the names, seats and boundaries of the municipalities, determines the type and names of populated places, joining, division and change of boundaries of the municipalities and the City of Skopje, as well as other issues regarding the territorial organisation of the local self-government.

Article 2
The establishment of new municipality (joining, division and change of boundaries) and change of the name and seat may be done only with changes and amendments of this law, following prior consultation with the citizens of the respective territory, in a manner determined by law.

Article 3
The territory of the municipality covers populated places with cadastre municipalities determined in accordance with a law.
Populated place and its cadastre municipality may be a part of one municipality only.

Article 4
Boundaries of the municipality are the boundaries of the cadastre municipalities of the populated places that are part of that municipality in the part[s] that border[s] on the adjacent municipalities.
Article 5
Each municipality has a name and a seat of municipality.
The seat of the municipality is in one of the populated places within that municipality.

Article 6
Populated places are the cities and the villages.
A city, in the sense of this law, is a populated place that: has over 3000 inhabitants; has a developed structure of activities and over 51% of the employees are employed outside the primary activities; has a constructed urban physiognomy with zones for housing, economy, recreation and public green space, square, constructed system of streets and communal agencies and represents a functional center of the populated places in the vicinity.
A village, in the sense of this law, is a populated place with a sole functional meaning in which one activity predominates, whereas the ground has an agrarian physiognomy and function.
Those functional entities of the populated places that do not have their own cadastre municipality are defined as settlements in the sense of this law.

Article 7
The territory of the city is determined with the Master Plan of the city.
The territory of the village is its cadastre municipality.

Article 8
This law determines the populated places and the names of populated places within the municipality.
On the territory of one municipality, two or more populated places, as a rule, may not have the same name.

II. ESTABLISHMENT, NAME AND SEAT OF THE MUNICIPALITY

Article 9
In the Republic of Macedonia are established, and the name and seat is determined for, the municipalities:

a) Municipalities with a seat in a city

1. Municipality of Berovo
   with a seat in the City of Berovo

2. Municipality of Bitola
   with a seat in the City of Bitola

3. Municipality of Bogdanci
   with a seat in the City of Bogdanci

4. Municipality of Valandovo
   with a seat in the City of Valandovo

5. Municipality of Veles
   with a seat in the City of Veles

6. Municipality of Vinica
   with a seat in the City of Vinica

7. Municipality of Gevgelija
   with a seat in the City of Gevgelija

8. Municipality of Gostivar
   with a seat in the City of Gostivar

9. Municipality of Debar
   with a seat in the City of Debar

10. Municipality of Delchevo
    with a seat in the City of Delchevo

11. Municipality of Demir Hisar
    with a seat in the City of Demir Hisar

12. Municipality of Demir Kapija
    with a seat in the City of Demir Kapija

13. Municipality of Kavadarci
    with a seat in the City of Kavadarci

14. Municipality of Kichevo
    with a seat in the City of Kichevo

15. Municipality of Kochani
    with a seat in the City of Kochani
16. Municipality of Kratovo
   with a seat in the City of Kratovo

17. Municipality of Kriva Palanka
   with a seat in the City of Kriva Palanka

18. Municipality of Krushevo
   with a seat in the City of Krushevo

19. Municipality of Kumanovo
   with a seat in the City of Kumanovo

20. Municipality of Makedonska Kamenica
   with a seat in the City of Makedonska Kamenica

21. Municipality of Makedonski Brod
   with a seat in the City of Makedonski Brod

22. Municipality of Negotino
   with a seat in the City of Negotino

23. Municipality of Ohrid
   with a seat in the City of Ohrid

24. Municipality of Pehchevo
   with a seat in the City of Pehchevo

25. Municipality of Prilep
   with a seat in the City of Prilep

26. Municipality of Probishtip
   with a seat in the City of Probishtip

27. Municipality of Radovish
   with a seat in the City of Radovish

28. Municipality of Resen
   with a seat in the City of Resen

29. Municipality of Sveti Nikole
   with a seat in the City of Sveti Nikole

30. Municipality of Struga
    with a seat in the City of Struga

31. Municipality of Strumica
    with a seat in the City of Strumica

32. Municipality of Tetovo
with a seat in the City of Tetovo

33. Municipality of Shtip
   with a seat in the City of Shtip

b) Municipalities with a seat in a village:
   1. Municipality of Arachinovo
      with a seat in the village Arachinovo

   Alternative for subpoint 1:
   Point 1 is cancelled.

   2. Municipality of Bogovinje
      with a seat in the village Bogovinje

   3. Municipality of Bosilovo
      with a seat in the village Bosilovo

   4. Municipality of Brvenica
      with a seat in the village Brvenica

   5. Municipality of Vrapchishte
      with a seat in the village Vrapchishte

   6. Municipality of Dolneni
      with a seat in the village Dolneni

   7. Municipality of Zhelino
      with a seat in the village Zhelino

   8. Municipality of Ilinden
      with a seat in the village Ilinden

   9. Municipality of Jegunovce
      with a seat in the village Jegunovce

  10. Municipality of Karbinci
      with a seat in the village Karbinci

  11. Municipality of Krivogashtani
      with a seat in the village Krivogashtani

  12. Municipality of Kukurechani
      with a seat in the village Kukurechani

  13. Municipality of Lipkovo
      with a seat in the village Lipkovo

   Alternative for subpoint 13:
Point 13 is cancelled

14. Municipality of Mavrovi Anovi
   with a seat in the village Mavrovi Anovi
15. Municipality of Mesheishta
   with a seat in the village Mesheishta
16. Municipality of Novaci
   with a seat in the village Novaci
17. Municipality of Novo Selo
   with a seat in the village Novo Selo
18. Municipality of Obleshevo
   with a seat in the village Obleshevo
19. Municipality of Petrovec
   with a seat in the village Petrovec
20. Municipality of Plasnica
   with a seat in the village Plasnica
21. Municipality of Rankovce
   with a seat in the village Rankovce
22. Municipality of Rosoman
   with a seat in the village Rosoman
23. Municipality of Saraj
   with a seat in the village Saraj
24. Municipality of Sopishte
   with a seat in the village Sopishte
25. Municipality of Staro Nagorichane
   with a seat in the village Staro Nagorichane
26. Municipality of Studenichani
   with a seat in the village Studenichani
27. Municipality of Tearce
   with a seat in the village Tearce
28. Municipality of Chashka
   with a seat in the village Chashka
29. Municipality of Chucher Sandevo
   with a seat in the village Chucher Sandevo

Alternative:
In point b), after subpoint 4, new subpoint is added:

Municipality of Vevchani
with a seat in the village Vevchani.

III. POPULATED PLACES AND TERRITORY OF MUNICIPALITIES

Article 10

In the municipalities of Article 9 of this law are determined the following populated places:

1. Municipality of Arachinovo with villages: Arachinovo, Brnjarc, Grushino, Mojanci, Orlanci.

Alternative for point 1:
Point 1 is cancelled.

2. Municipality of Berovo with the City of Berovo and villages: Budinarci, Dvorishte, Machevo, Mitrashinci, Ratevo, Rusinovo, Smojmirovo, Vladimirovo.


8. Municipalit of Valandovo with the City of Valandovo and villages: Gjuleli, Chalakli, Chestevo, Ajranli, Arazli, Bashali, Bashibos, Bajrambos, Balinci, Barakli, Brajkovci, Buluntuli, Dedeli, Grchishte, Gradec, Josifovo, Kazandol, Kochuli, Marvinci, Pirava, Plavush, Prsten, Rabrovo, Sobri, Tatarli, Terzeli, Udovo, Vejseali.


23. Municipality of Karbinci with villages: Karbinci, Argulica, Batanje, Crvulevo, Dolni Balvan, Dolno Trogerci, Ebeplija, Golem Balvan, Golem Gaber, Gorno Trogerci, Junuzlija, Kalazlija, Kepekchelija, Kozjak, Kupishte, Kuchica, Kuchilat, Kurfalija, Mal Gaber, Michak, Muratlija, Odzaliija, Pripechani, Prnalija, Radanje, Ruljak, Tarinci, Vrteshka.

24. Municipality of Kichevo with the City of Kichevo and villages: Knezhino, Lazarovci, Mamudovci, Osoj, Rashtani, Trapchin Dol, Chelopeci, Atisha, Bigor Dolenci, Dupjani, Karbunica, Kozichino, Krushica, Miokazi, Orlanci, Patov, Rabotino, Rechani Chelopechko, Staorec, Svetorache, Vraneshtica, Belica, Brzhdani, Cer, Dolno Dobrenoe, Dolno Dushegubica, Drugovo, Ehlovec, Golemo Crsko, Gorna Dushegubica, Gorno Dobrenoe, Ivanchishte, Izvor, Javorec, Judovo,


29. Municipality of Krushevo with the City of Krushevo and villages: Aldanci, Arilevo, Belushino, Birino, Borino, Buchin, Dolno Divjaci, Gorno Divjaci, Jakrenovo, Milosevo, Norovo, Ostrlici, Presil, Pusta Reka, Sazhdevo, Selce, Sveto Mitrani, Vrboc.


31. Municipality of Kumanovo with the City of Kumanovo and villages: Shuplji Kamen, Cherkezi, Chetirce, Agino Selo, Bedinje, Biljanovce, Brzk, D'ga, Dobroshane, Dolno Konjari, Gorno Kozhare, Karabichane, Karposh, Lopate, Novo Selo, Pchinja, Proevce, Quodrag, Rezhanovce, Rechica, Romanovce, Sopot, Studena Bara,

Alternative for point 31:
In point 31 are given villages: Lipkovo, Alashevce, Belanovce, Dumanovce, Glazhnja, Goshince, Izvor, Lipkovo, Lojane, Matejche, Nikushtak, Opea, Orizari, Otlja, R’nkovce, Ropalce, Runica, Slupchane, Strazha, Strima, Vaksince, Vishtica, Zlokukjane.


Alternative for point 32:
Point 32 is cancelled.


34. Municipality of Makedonska Kamenica with the City of Makedonska Kamenica and villages: Cera, Dulica, Kosevica, Kostin Dol, Lukovica, Moshtica, Sasa, Sasa.


37. Municipality of Negotino with the City of Negotino and villages: Sheovo, Brusnik, Crveni Bregovi, Dolni Disan, Dubrovo, Gorni Disan, Kalanjevo,
Krivolak, Kurija, Lipa, Peshternica, Pepelishte, Timjanik, Tremnik, Veshje, Vojshanci, Dzidimirici.


43. Municipality of Pehchevo with the City of Pehchevo and villages: Chiflik, Crnik, Negrevo, Pancharevo, Robovo, Umlena.

44. Municipality of Plasnica with villages: Plasnica, Dvorci, Lisichani, Preglovo.


48. Municipality of Rankovce with villages: Rankovce, Baratlija, German, Ginovci, Gulinci, Krivi Kamen, Milutince, Odreno, Opila, Otoynica, Petralica, P’klishte, Psacha, Ljubinc, Radibush, Stancha, Vetunica, Vrzhomcii.


58. Municipality of Tearce with villages: Tearce, Brezno, Dobroshte, Glogji, Jedoarce, Jeloshnik, Leshok, Neproshteno, Nerash, Odi, Otunje, Prshove, Prcve, Slatino, Varvara.

59. Municipality of Tetovo with the City of Tetovo and villages: Falish, Golema Rechica, Lavce, Mala Rechica, Sarajkino, Selce, Vejce, Gjermo, Poroj, Setole, Dzepchishte, Shipkovica, Bozovce, Brodec, Gajre, Lisec, Veshala.


61. Municipality of Chucher-Sandevo with villages: Chucher Sandevo, Banjane, Blace, Brazda, Brest, Brodec, Gluvo, Gornjane, Kuchevishte, Mirkovci, Pobozhje, Tanushevci.


Alternative:
Add a new point after point 9:

Municipality of Vevchani with the village Vevchani.

The territory of the municipalities comprises the territories of populated places determined in paragraph 1 of this article.

IV. TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF SKOPJE

Article 11

The territory of the City of Skopje comprises the territory of the City of Skopje determined with the Master Plan and the cadastral municipalities of villages: Vizbegovo, Usje, Bardovci, Volkovo, Gorno Nerezi, Ljubanci, Ljuboten, Gorno Orizari, Rashtak, Grachani, Dolno Orizari, Indzikovo, Kuchkovo, Nikishtane, Novo Selo, Orman, Smiljkovci, Stajkovci, Strachinci, Trubarevo, Creshevo, Dolno Lisiche, Gorno Lisiche, Singelik, Idrizovo and Jurumleri.

V. TERRITORY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SELF-GOVERNMENT FORMS

Article 12

The neighborhood self-government forms in the Republic of Macedonia can be organized, in terms of territory, in urban and neighborhood communities.
Article 13
The urban community as a form of neighborhood self-government may be established in the cities, i.e. the City of Skopje, for the territory of the urban units determined with the urban [city] plan.
The neighborhood community as a form of neighborhood self-government may be established in the villages within the boundaries of their cadastre municipalities.
In the settlements, being the functional entities of the populated places, in the sense of this law, urban and neighborhood communities may be established.

VI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 14
The existing municipalities shall continue with their operation until the day the councils of municipalities of Article 9 of this law are constituted.

Alternative:
The councils and the mayors of the existing municipalities shall continue performing their functions until the organs of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law are constituted.

Article 15
The elections of the organs of municipalities, which shall be announced after this law is brought into force, shall relate to the municipalities of Article 9 of this law.
The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, for conducting the elections in paragraph 1 of this article, no later than 30 days after this law was brought into force, based on the official data on the population number in the municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia, shall determine and publish the number of the members of the councils of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law.

Article 16
The constitutive session of the council of the municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, shall be convened by the chairperson of the council of the existing municipality on whose territory is located the seat of the municipality of Article 9 of this law.

**Article 17**
The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in the municipalities of Article 9 of this law in which for whatever reason there shall not be election of mayor or where the council of the municipality shall not be constituted within the period set, shall nominate an acting mayor for performing the works within the competence of the organ of the municipality until the mayor is elected, i.e. the councils are constituted.

**Article 18**
The municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, shall take over the employees, equipment, movable property and other things, archives, documentation, working capital and resources from the municipal funds, the public enterprises and the public institutions and other rights and obligations, pertaining to the existing municipalities.

**Article 19**
The municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, shall enact the statute of the municipality and the acts for organisation and systematisation of the municipal administration no later than within 60 days from the day the municipal council was constituted.

The regulations of the existing municipalities, whose territories consist of the territory of one of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, shall continue to be applicable for the territories for which they were enacted until the regulations of the municipality of Article 9 of this law are enacted.

**Article 20**
The existing municipalities, whose territories are included in the territory of one of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, shall close the official books in accordance with Article 14 of this law.

The seals, stamps and the official books of the existing municipalities, whose territories are included in the territory of one of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, shall be taken over by the municipality of Article 9 of this law.

Unresolved issues of the organs of the existing municipalities, whose territories are included in one of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, shall be taken over by the municipality of Article 9 of this law.

Article 21
Revenue and expenditure of the budgets of the existing municipalities, whose territories are included in the territory of one of the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, shall become an integral part of the budget of the municipality of Article 9 of this law.

Article 22
The municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, is obliged to prepare and adopt the annual balance sheets for those municipalities.

Article 23
If on the territory of the municipality of Article 9 of this law there are more public communal enterprises, a procedure for their merging shall be carried out.

Article 24
The municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, provides for the operation of the municipal administration for those territories, being an integral part of its municipal administration.

The municipality of Article 9 of this law, whose territory consists of the territories of two or more of the existing municipalities, shall enact an act
determining the works to be performed by the municipal administration on that territory.
The act in paragraph 2 of this article shall be enacted within 60 days from the day the municipality of Article 9 of this law started operating.

Article 25
The municipality of Article 9 of this law, for having a better quality, efficient and economical performance of the competences can enter into a contract for functional cooperation with the neighbouring municipality or a contract for establishing a joint public agency.

Article 26
Municipalities of Article 9 of this law, in the statute of the municipality, shall determine those competences of the mayor that can be delegated to the president of the council of the urban or neighborhood community and shall regulate the manner of providing resources for the performance of those works.

Article 27
The authority for the works related to the survey and cadastre shall within 6 months from the day this law was brought into force define the boundaries of the cadastre municipalities and the municipalities of Article 9 of this law, giving a description and drawings of those boundaries.

Article 28
On the day this law comes into force, the Law on Territorial Division of the Republic of Macedonia and determination of the territories of the local self-government units (“Official Gazette of RM” no. 49/96), as well as the Law on Regulating the Relations between the new local self-government units and the
local self-government units that they derive from ("Official Gazette of RM" no. 59/96) shall cease to be in force.

Article 29
This Law shall come into force on the eighth day upon its publication in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia”. 