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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTEMENT VAN JUSTISIE EN STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELING

No. 219

27 February 2004

MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT, 1944

**ABOLITION OF REGIONAL DIVISIONS: CREATION OF NEW REGIONAL
DIVISIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL COURTS**

I, Penuell Mpapa Maduna, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development, acting under section 2 (1)(b), (d), (g), (i) and (j) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (Act No. 32 of 1944), hereby with effect from 1 April 2004 —

- (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 mentioned in that item;
- (c) establish a court for each such regional division, and

- (d) appoint as places for the holding of a court for each regional division all the seats of magistracy for those districts mentioned in the Schedule under each item as well as all the centers for those districts mentioned which have, in terms of section 2(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (Act No. 32 of 1944), been appointed as places for the holding of a court.

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

P M MADUNA
MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND
CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Item	Regional Division	Consisting of the Following Districts		
1.	Eastern Cape	<p>Aberdeen Albert Bathurst Bizana ∞ Cradock Elliot Flagstaff (Sipha Qheni) ∞ Graaff-Reinet Hewu * Idutywa ∞ Joubertina King William's Town (3) Mount Frere (Kwabacha)∞ Lusikisiki ∞ Middelburg Mount Fletcher ∞ Ngqeleni ∞ Pearston Queenstown (5) Somerset East Steytlerville Tarka Uitenhage Venterstad Willowvale (Gatyana) ∞ Zwelitsha *</p>	<p>Adelaide Alexandria Barkley East Butterworth (Gcuwa) ∞ St Marks (Cofimvaba) Elliotdale (Xhora) ∞ Fort Beaufort (1) Hankey Hofmeyr Indwe Keiskammahoek * Kirkwood Lady Grey Maclear Middledrift * Mount Ayliff (Maxesibeni) ∞ Nqamakwe ∞ Peddie * Qumbu ∞ Sterkstroom Stutterheim (7) Tsolo ∞ Umtata ∞ Victoria East * Wodehouse</p>	<p>Albany Aliwal North Bedford Cathcart (2) East London (4) Engcobo ∞ Glen Grey (Cacadu)(Lady Frere) ∞ Herschel ∞ Humansdorp Jansenville Kentani (Centane) ∞ Kongha Libode ∞ Mdantsane * Molteno Mqanduli ∞ Ntabethemba Port Elizabeth Mpofo (Seymour) (Stokenström) (6) Steynsburg Tabankulu ∞ Tsomo ∞ Port St Johns (Umzimvubu) ∞ Willowmore Xalanga (Cala) ∞</p>
		<p>(1) Including the areas as described in Proclamation 75 of 30 April 1987 (2) Including the areas as described in Proclamation 187 of 3 November 1989 (3) Including the areas as described in Proclamations 101 of 26 June 1987; 127 of 12 August 1988 and 187 of 3 November 1989, as corrected by Correction Notice 380 of 23 February 1990 (4) Including the areas as described in Proclamations 15 of 3 March 1989 and 187 of 3 November 1989 (5) Including the areas as described in Proclamations R. 211 of 29 October 1982 and 101 of 26 June 1987 (6) Including the areas as described in Proclamation 187 of 3 November 1989 (7) Including the areas as described in Proclamations 75 of 30 April 1987; R. 139 of 25 September 1987; and 15 of 3 March 1989 * Districts of the Ciskei, as they were on 4 December 1981 ∞ Districts of the Transkei, as they were on 26 October 1976, including the land mentioned in Proclamation R. 141 of 30 September 1983 and 43 of 26 April 1985 and the farms Drumleary 130 and Stanford 127</p>		
2.	Free State	<p>Bethlehem Boshof Brandfort Dewetsdorp Fauersmith Frankfort Hennenman Jagersfontein Kroonstad Marquard Petrusburg Reitz Senekal Theunissen Viljoenskroon Vrede Wepener Witsieshoek</p>	<p>Bethulie Bothaville Bultfontein Edenburg Ficksburg Harrismith Hoopstad Koffiefontein Ladybrand Odendaalsrus Phillippolis Rouxville Smithfield Trompsburg Villiers Vredefort Wesselsbron Zastron</p>	<p>Bloemfontein (1) Botshabelo Clocolan Excelsior (2) Fouriesburg Heilbron Jacobsdal Koppies Lindley Parys Reddersburg Sasolburg Thaba Nchu * Venterburg Virginia Welkom Winburg</p>

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	Free State continue	<p>(1) Including the areas as described in Proclamation R. 98 of 30 June 1989</p> <p>(2) Including the areas as described in Proclamations R. 142 of 30 September 1983 and R. 98 of 30 June 1989</p> <p>* Districts of Bophuthatswana, as described on 6 December 1977</p> <p>(b) The area for which the QwaQwa Legislative Assembly has been instituted in terms of section 1 of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No. 21 of 1971)</p>		
3.	Gauteng	<p>Alberton</p> <p>Brakpan</p> <p>Germiston</p> <p>Kempton Park</p> <p>Oberholzer</p> <p>Randfontein</p> <p>Springs</p> <p>Westonaria</p>	<p>Benoni</p> <p>Bronkhorstspuit</p> <p>Heidelberg</p> <p>Krugersdorp</p> <p>Pretoria (1)</p> <p>Roodepoort</p> <p>Vanderbijlpark</p> <p>Wonderboom</p>	<p>Boksburg</p> <p>Cullinan</p> <p>Johannesburg</p> <p>Nigel</p> <p>Randburg</p> <p>Soshanguve</p> <p>Vereeniging</p>
		<p>(1) Excluding the areas as described in Proclamations R. 137 of 25 September 1987 and R. 98 of 30 June 1989</p>		
4.	KwaZulu-Natal	<p>Alfred</p> <p>Camperdown</p> <p>Dundee</p> <p>Estcourt</p> <p>Impendle</p> <p>Ixopo</p> <p>Lions River</p> <p>Matabele (Maluti)∞</p> <p>Mooi River</p> <p>Mtunzini</p> <p>Newcastle</p> <p>Nkandhla *</p> <p>Paulpietersburg</p> <p>Pinetown</p> <p>Richmond</p> <p>Umlazi *</p> <p>Umzinto</p> <p>Vryheid</p>	<p>Babanango</p> <p>Chatsworth</p> <p>Durban</p> <p>Glencoe</p> <p>Inanda</p> <p>Klip River</p> <p>Lower Tugela</p> <p>Mapumulo *</p> <p>Mount Currie (1)</p> <p>Mtonjaneni</p> <p>New Hanover</p> <p>Nongoma *</p> <p>Pietermaritzburg</p> <p>Polela</p> <p>Ubombo</p> <p>Umvoti</p> <p>Underberg</p> <p>Weenen</p>	<p>Bergville</p> <p>Dannhauser</p> <p>Eshowe</p> <p>Hlabisa</p> <p>Ingwavuma *</p> <p>Kranskop</p> <p>Lower Umfolozi</p> <p>Mhlabatini *</p> <p>Msinga *</p> <p>Ndwedwe *</p> <p>Ngotshe</p> <p>Nqutu *</p> <p>Piet Retief (2)</p> <p>Port Shepstone</p> <p>Umbumbulu *</p> <p>Umzimkulu ∞</p> <p>Utrecht</p>
		<p>(1) Excluding land mentioned in Proclamations R. 141 of 30 September 1983 and 43 of 26 April 1985 and the farms Drumleary 130 and Stanford 127</p> <p>(2) Only the Simdlangentsha and Pongola areas, described as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pongola</u> From the north-western beacon of Portion 45 (Diagram A 4265/55) of the farm Pongola 61 HU on the boundary between the Republic of South Africa and Swaziland; thence east along the said boundary between the Republic of South Africa and Swaziland to the north-eastern corner of the farm Devils Dive 79 HU; thence generally south along the said boundary to the south-eastern corner of the farm Lebombo's Poort 92 HU; thence generally west along the middle of the Pongola River, to the south-eastern corner of the farm Zwartkloof 60 HU; thence generally north along the boundaries of the following so as to exclude them out of this area: the said farm Zwartkloof 60 HU, Kranskloof 59 HU and Portion 45 (Diagram A 4275/55) of the farm Pongola 61 HU to the north-eastern beacon of the last-named Portion 45, the place of beginning. • <u>Simdlangentsha (Ncotshane)</u> From the north-western beacon of Portion 10 (Diagram A 1373/39) of the farm Voorslag 24 HU, in a south-eastern direction along the north-eastern boundary of the said Voorslag 24 HU to the north-western beacon of the farm Beginsel 56 HU; thence eastwards along the northern boundaries of the following properties: the said farm Beginsel 56 HU, Kranskloof 59 HU and Portion 45 (Diagram A 4265/55) of the farm Pongola 61 HU, to the north-eastern beacon 		

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	KwaZulu-Natal continue	<p>of the latter portion; thence in a general southern direction along the boundaries of the following properties so as to include them in this area: the said Portion 45 HU, the farm Kranskloof 59 HU and Zwartkloof 60 HU to the south-eastern beacon of the latter farm in the middle of the Pongola River; thence in a general western direction along the middle of the said Pongola River to the northernmost beacon of the farm Gunsteling 45 HU; thence in a general north-eastern direction along the boundaries of the following properties so as to include them in this area: the said farm Gunsteling 45 HU, Prudentie 46 HU, Oranjedal 38 HU, Tobolsk 28 HU, Belgrade 27 HU and Portion 10 (Diagram A 1373/39) of the farm Voorslag 24 HU to the north-western beacon of the latter farm, the place of beginning.</p> <p>* KwaZulu districts, as they were on 1 February 1977.</p>																																	
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	Mpumalanga continue	<p>No. 21 of 1971)</p> <p>(c) The area for which the Kwandebele Legislative Assembly has been instituted in terms of section 1 of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No. 21 of 1971)</p> <p>(d) As well as the following properties forming part of the area for which the Lebowa Legislative Assembly has been instituted in terms of section 1 of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No. 21 of 1971):</p> <p>(i) Remainder of the farm Elandsfontein 435 KT, in extent 5678,5521 hectares, according to Diagram A2306/1927; and</p> <p>(ii) Portion 1, in extent 1457,4567 hectares, of the farm Dientjie 453 KT, according to Diagram A1939/1964.</p>																																	
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7.	Northern Cape	Barkley West Carnarvon Fraserburg Hartswater Hopetown Kuruman (1) Philipstown Richmond Warrenton	Britstown Colesberg Gordonia Hay Kenhardt Namaqualand Postmasburg Sutherland Williston	Calvinia De Aar Hanover Herbert Kimberley Noupoort Prieska Victoria West
		(1) Excluding the areas as described in Proclamation 103 of 31 October 1991		
8.	Limpopo	Bochum Ellisras Letaba Mankweng Mhala Namakgale Phalaborwa Potgietersrus Sekgosese Sibasa * Thohoyandou Tshitale Waterberg	Bolubedu Giyani Lulekani Mapulaneng Mokerong Naphuno Phalala Praktiseer Sekhukhuneland Soutpansberg (2) Thabamopo Vuwani	Dzanani * Hlanganani Malamulele Messina (1) Mutale * Nebo Pietersburg Ritavi Seshego Thabazimbi (3) Tshilwavhisiku Warmbaths (4)
		<p>(1) Including the areas as described in Proclamations 187 of 24 September 1982; R. 51 of 27 March 1986 and 178 of 28 October 1988</p> <p>(2) Including the areas as described in Proclamation R. 51 of 27 March 1986</p> <p>(3) Excluding the areas as described in Proclamation R. 222 of 28 November 1986</p> <p>(4) Excluding the areas as described in Proclamation R. 98 of 30 June 1989</p> <p>* Venda districts, as they were on 13 September 1979</p> <p>(b) The area for which the Gazankulu Legislative Assembly has been instituted in terms of section 1 of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No. 21 of 1971)</p> <p>(c) The area for which the Lebowa Legislative Assembly has been instituted in terms of section 1 of the Self-governing Territories Constitution Act, 1971 (Act No. 21 of 1971), excluding the area consisting of the following properties —</p> <p>(i) Remainder of the farm Elandsfontein 435 KT, in extent 5678,5521 hectares, according to Diagram A2306/1927; and</p> <p>(ii) Portion 1, in extent 1457,4567 hectares, of the farm Dientjie 453 KT, according to Diagram A1939/1964</p>		
9.	Western Cape	Beaufort West Caledon Ceres Goodwood Hopefield Ladismith Mithcells Plain Mossel Bay Paarl Riversdale Somerset West Swellendam Van Rhyndorp Wellington	Bellville Calitzdorp Clanwilliam Heidelberg Knysna Laingsburg Montagu Murraysburg Piketberg (Piquetberg) Robertson Strand Tulbagh Vredenburg Worcester	Bredasdorp Cape George Hermanus Kuijs River Malmesbury Moorreesburg Oudtshoorn Prince Albert Simonstown Stellenbosch Uniondale Vredendal Wynberg