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## REPORT OF THE

# **COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

# ON THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY) (ESTABLISHMENT) INSTRUMENT, 2017 (L.I 2259) ... LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TEMPANE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY) (ESTABLISHMENT) INSTRUMENT, 2017, (L.I. 2352)

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Local Government (Accra Metropolitan Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2259)... Local Government (Tempane District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017, (L.I. 2352) were laid before Parliament on Thursday, 16th November, 2017 in accordance with Article 11(7) of the Constitution. Pursuant to Orders 77 and 166 of the Standing Orders of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Speaker referred the Instruments to the Committee on Subsidiary Legislation for consideration and report.

## 2.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The Committee referred to the under-listed documents during the deliberations:

- i. The 1992 Constitution
- ii. The Standing Orders of Parliament
- iii. Local Governance Act, 2016, (Act 936)
- iv. District Electoral Areas and Designation of Units Instrument, 2014 (C.I. 85)
- v. Representation of the People (Parliamentary Constituencies) Instrument, 2016 (C.I. 95)
- vi. Executive Instrument, Creation of Municipalities Instruments, 2017 (E.I. 156)
- vii. Executive Instrument, Declaration of Municipalities Instruments, 2017 (E.I. 155)
- viii. Executive Instrument, Creation of District Instruments, 2017 (E.I. 154)

## 3.0 DELIBERATIONS

The Committee in considering the referrals met with the Hon. Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Hajia Alima Mahama and a Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Mr. Osei Bonsu Amoah. A Technical Team from the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Officials of the Drafting Division of the Attorney-General's Department were also in attendance.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Governance in Ghana plays a pivotal role in administration and development at the local areas. The Constitution provides a structure for decentralisation and Local Government that creates a framework for citizen participation in decision-making and local Governance. Decentralisation devolves power, functions and responsibility as well as human and financial resources from Central Government to the district level. To deepen democracy and promote development as well as making governance accessible to the people, Governments from time to time create new Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies.
- 4.2 It is in the light of this that the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development laid the attached Instruments before Parliament.
- 4.3 The Instruments are categorised into six. The first category consists of Accra, Tema, Kumasi and Takoradi Metropolitan Assemblies which some of the sub-metros have been elevated to Municipal Assemblies. The second category are newly created Municipal Assemblies whilst the third consists of Districts elevated to Municipal Assemblies. The

fourth category is made up of existing Municipal Assemblies and the fifth consist of new Districts created. The last category of the Instruments are existing Districts Assemblies.

## 5.0 OBSERVATIONS

5.1 The Committee observed that out of ninety-four (94) Instruments laid before Parliament, only thirty-eight (38) are establishing new Municipal and District Assemblies (Nineteen (19) Municipal Assemblies and Nineteen (19) District Assemblies). The Committee was informed that the creation of the Municipal and District Assemblies would not necessitate the creation of new constituencies. The Hon. Minister of Local Government and Rural Development indicated that the provisions in the Representation of the People (Parliamentary Constituencies) Instrument, 2016 (C.I. 95) were used as a guide and therefore the constituency boundaries were not affected. The Ministry also relied on District Electoral Areas and Designation of Units Instrument, 2014 (C.I. 85) in the creation of the said Districts. Virtually all the District Capitals have also been sited at already existing Constituency Headquarters.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

- The Committee has carefully examined the Instruments, listed in the Appendices and is of the considered view that the Legislative Instruments do not contravene the provisions of the Constitution, Act 936 and Order 166 (3) of the Standing Orders of Parliament. The Committee is optimistic that the creation of the municipalities and districts would revamp and energize municipal and district structures as intended by Act 936 to make them more effective and to further strengthen decentralization in the country.
- 6.2 The Committee therefore recommends to the House to adopt its report and allow the

Instruments to come into force at the expiration of twenty-one sitting days in accordance with Article 11(7) of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted.

**ERIC OWUSU-MENSAH** 

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

HON. MAHAMA AYARIGA

CHAIRMAN

## **METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLIES**

- 1. Local Government (Accra Metropolitan Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2259)
- Local Government (Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017
  (L.I.2260)
- 3. Local Government (Tema Metropolitan Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (2261)
- 4. Local Government (Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2262)

#### **MUNICIPALITIES CREATED**

- 1. Local Government (Oforikrom Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2291)
- 2. Local Government (Kwadaso Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2292)
- 3. Local Government (Old Tafo Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2293)
- 4. Local Government (Asokwa Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2294)
- 5. Local Government (Suame Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I 2295)
- 6. Local Government (Juaben Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2296)
- 7. Local Government (New Juaben North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2302)
- 8. Local Government (Abuakwa South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2304)
- 9. Local Government (Okaikwei North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2307)
- 10. Local Government (Ablekuma North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2308)
- 11. Local Government (Ablekuma West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2309)
- 12. Local Government (Ayawaso East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2310)
- 13. Local Government (Ayawaso North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2311)
- 14. Local Government (Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2312)
- 15. Local Government (Ga North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2314)
- 16. Local Government (Weija /Gbawe Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2315)
- 17. Local Government (Tema West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2317)
- 18. Local Government (Ledzokuku Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2319)
- 19. Local Government (Effia Kwesimintsim Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2322)

- 23. Local Government (Jomoro Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2285)
- 24. Local Government (Prestea Huni Valley Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2286)
- 25. Local Government (Aowin Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2287)
- 26. Local Government (Wassa Amenfi West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I 2288)
- 27. Local Government (Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2289)
- 28. Local Government (Ahanta West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2290)

## **DECLARED MUNICIPALS (ELEVATED DISTRICTS)**

- 1. Local Government (Asante Akim South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2263)
- 2. Local Government (Ahafo Ano North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2264)
- 3. Local Government (Kwabre East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2265)
- 4. Local Government (Atebubu Amantin Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2266)
- 5. Local Government (Tano North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2267)
- 6. Local Government (Tano South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2268)
- Local Government (Jaman South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2269)
- 8. Local Government (Kwabibirem Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2270)
- 9. Local Government (Kpone Katamanso Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2271)
- 10. Local Government (Sagnerigu Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2272)
- 11. Local Government (Nanumba North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2273)
- 12. Local Government (East Mamprusi Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2274)
- 13. Local Government (East Gonja Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2275)
- 14. Local Government (West Mamprusi Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2276)
- 15. Local Government (Gushiegu Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2277)
- 16. Local Government (Jirapa Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2278)
- 17. Local Government (Lawra Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2279)
- 18. Local Government (Sissala East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2280)
- 19. Local Government (Krachi East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2281)
- 20. Local Government (Ketu North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2282)
- 21. Local Government (Nkwanta South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2283)
- 22. Local Government (Bibiani-Anhiawso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.

## **EXISTING MUNICIPALITIES**

- 1. Local Government (Ejisu Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2297)
- Local Government (Atwima Nwabiagya Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.
  2298)
- Local Government (Berekum East Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.
  2299)
- 4. Local Government (Assin Fosu Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2300)
- 5. Local Government (New Juaben South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2301)
- Local Government (Birim Central Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.
  2303)
- 7. Local Government (Abuakwa North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2305)
- Local Government (Akwapim North Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.
  2306)
- 9. Local Government (Ga West Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2313)
- 10. Local Government (Ga South Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2316)
- 11. Local Government (Krowor Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2318)
- 12. Local Government (Savelugu Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2320)
- 13. Local Government (Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2321)



## CREATED DISTRICTS

- Local Government (Ahafo Ano South East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.L.2324)
- 2. Local Government (Amansie South District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2325)
- Local Government (Atwima Nwabiagya North District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017
  (L.I.2327)
- 4. Local Government (Akrofruom District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2329)
- 5. Local Government (Adansi Asokwa District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2331)
- 6. Local Government (Obuasi East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2332)
- Local Government (Afigya Kwabre North District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.
  2334
- 8. Local Government (Pru West District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2335)
- 9. Local Government (Berekum West District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2337)
- 10. Local Government (Assin North District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2338)
- 11. Local Government (Gomoa Central District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2339)
- 12. Local Government (Asene/Manso/Akroso District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2341)
- 13. Local Government (Okere District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2342)
- 14. Local Government (Atiwa West District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2343)
- 15. Local Government (Fanteakwa South District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2345)
- 16. Local Government (Nanton District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2347)
- 17. Local Government (Yunyoo Nasuan District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2349)
- 18. Local Government (Bolga East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2350)
- 19. Local Government (Tempane District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2352)

## **EXITING DISTRICTS**

- 1. Local Government (Ahafo Ano South West District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2323)
- 2. Local Government (Amansie West District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (2326)
- 3. Local Government (Adansi South District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2328)
- 4. Local Government (Adansi North District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I.2330)
- 5. Local Government (Afigya Kwabre South District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2333)
- 6. Local Government (Pru East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2336)
- 7. Local Government (Gomoa East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2340)
- 8. Local Government (Atiwa East District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2344)
- 9. Local Government (Fanteakwa North District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2346)
- 10. Local Government (Bunkpurugu Nyankpanduri District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2348)
- 11. Local Government (Garu District Assembly) (Establishment) Instrument, 2017 (L.I. 2351)

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