CHAPTER 6

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

Act No.22 of 1955.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS AS THE AREAS OF AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT AGENTS, TO EFFECT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTING OF CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS IN OTHER WRITTEN LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

[14thApril. 1955.]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Administrative Districts Act.

Establishment of administrative districts.

2. (1) The administrative districts specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby established.

(2) The limits of each administrative district specified in column I of the Schedule to this Act shall, subject to any alterations made therein under section 3, be those specified in the corresponding entry in column II of that Schedule.

Abolition, creation and alteration of the limits, of administrative districts, and amendment of the Schedule,

Agent.

3. An administrative district may be abolished, a new administrative district may be established, the limits of an administrative district may be altered, and the Schedule to this Act may be amended or replaced with a new Schedule, by a resolution passed by Parliament.

Assignment of each administrative district to a Government A. Each administrative district shall be assigned to a Government Agent as his area of authority instead of a province.

Appointment of 5. Any number of Additional Additional. Government Agents, Assistant Government Assistant, and and Additional Assistant Agents, Additional Government Agents may be appointed for an Assistant Government administrative district. Agents.

- Provinces nol to be affected by this Act.6. This Act shall not be deemed to prevent the continuance of the provinces of Sri Lanka as now constituted or as may hereafter be constituted, for any purpose other than that for which administrative districts are established by this Act.
- Construction of **7.** (1) In any written law, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "administrative district" shall mean an administrative district established by or under this Act.

(2) Every reference in any other written law to a revenue district shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as a reference to the administrative district consisting of the area which constituted that revenue district.

(3) Where any other written law enables or requires the Government Agent of a province to exercise or perform any power, duty or function, such law shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as enabling or requiring the Government Agent of each administrative district in that province to exercise or perform that power, duty or function within the limits of that administrative district.

(4) Where any other written law confers on the Government Agent of a province the power to make any by-law, regulation, rule, order, notification or notice, such law shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as conferring power on the Government Agent of each administrative district in that province to make for that administrative district any such by-law, regulation, rule, order, notification or notice.

(5) Where any other written law confers on the Government Agent of a province the power to issue any licence, permit, certificate of registration, or other document, such law shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as conferring power on the Government Agent of each administrative district in that province to issue for that administrative district any such licence, permit, certificate of registration or other document.

(6) Where any other written law confers on the Government Agent of a province the power to determine any fees or charges, such law shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as conferring on the Government Agent of each administrative district in that province the power to determine for that administrative district any such fees or charges.

(7) Where any other written law requires any such notice, information, declaration. return or other document as relates to any matter in any part of a province to be delivered, sent or given to the Government Agent of that province, such law shall, after the commencement of this Act, be construed as requiring that notice, information, declaration, return or other document to be delivered, sent or given to the Government Agent of the administrative district within which that part of that province lies.

Amendment of other written law, &c, **8.** The Minister may by Order published in the Gazette make such amendments in any other written law, or make such provision in regard to any matter, as may be necessary in consequence of the provisions of this Act. Every Order made by the Minister under this subsection and published in the Gazette shall have the force of law. 9. (1) This Act shall not be deemed to Savings. affect the operation of any by-law, regulation, rule, order, notification or notice made by the Government Agent of a province under any other written law before the commencement of this Act.

(2) This Act shall not be deemed to affect the continuance in force of any licence, permit, certificate of registration or other document issued, and the validity of any instrument executed, by the Government Agent of a province before the commencement of this Act.

(3) Where the Government Agent of a province has, before the commencement of this Act, determined any fees or charges by virtue of the power conferred on him by any other written law, such determination shall not be affected by this Act.

(4) Where any act or thing is commenced by the Government Agent of a province under any other written law in any part of that province and is not completed before the commencement of this Act, that act or thing may be carried on and completed by the Government Agent of the administrative district within which that part of that province lies.

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SCHEDULE

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I. Administrative District of Colombo, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Colombo Nugegoda Kolonnawa Kaduwela Homagama Avissawella Kesbewa Moratuwa

2. Administrative District of Gampaha, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents ' Divisions :-

Wattala Negombo Katana Minuvangoda Divulapitiya Mirigama

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LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

Northern : Kelani Ganga.

- Eastern: Ruwanwella; Dehiowita in Kegalle District; Eheliyagoda in Ratnapura District.
- Southern : Eheliyagoda in the Ratnapura District; Raigam Korale East; Raigam Korale West and Panadura Totamune in Kalutara District.

Western : Sea.

- Northern: Wennappuwa in Puttalam District; Pannala, Dambadeni Hatpattu West in Kurunegala District.
- Eastern : Warakapola, Ruwanwella in Kegalle District.

Southern : Kelani Ganga.

Western: Sea.

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- Gampaha Weke Attanagalla Mahara Kelaniya Biyagama Ja-Ela
- 3. Administrative District of Kalutara. consisting or the following divisional Assistant Government Agent-.' Divisions :-

Rayigam Korale East Rayigiirm Korale West Kalulara Totamuna North Kalulara Totamuna South Panadura Totamuna Pasdun Korale East Pasdun Korale West Pasdun Korale South Gangabadapattuwa Dodangoda.

- 4. Administrative District of Kandy. consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-
 - Tumpane Harispattuwa Pata Dumbara Meda Dumbara Uda Dumbara Minipe Pata Hewaheta Mahanuwara Kadawat-Satara and Gangawata Korale Udapalata Pasbage Korale Udunuwara Yatinuwara Ganga lhala Korale Kundasale Panwila Uda Hewaheta
- 5. Administrative District of Matale. consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents-Divisions:-
 - Matale Ukuwela Ruttola Ambanganga Korale Pallepola Galewela Dambulla Naula Laggula Wilgamuwa

- Northern : Moratuwa. Kesbewa, Avissawella in Colombo District.
- Eastern : Kalawana, Ayagama, Kuruwita, Eheliyagoda in Ratnapura District.
- Southern Hinidum Pattuwa North, Hinidum Pattuwa South, Bentara Walallaviti Korale South, Bentara Walallaviti Korale East. Bentara Walallaviti Korale West in Galle District.

Western ; Sea.

- Northern : Mawatagama and Ridigama in Kurunegala District; Matale, Ukuwela, Rattota, Laggala, Wilgamuwa divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions in Matale District
- Eastern : Mahiyanganaya, Ridimaliyadda divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions in Badulla District.
- Southern: Kandekeliya in Badulla District; Walapane, Kotmale. Nuwara Eliya and Ambagamuwa Korale divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions in Nuwara Eliya District.
- Western: Yatiyantota. Aranayake, Mawanella, Rambukkana divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions in Kegalle District.
 - Northern : Kalagam Palata South. Kekirawa in Anuradhapura District: Sinhala Pattuwa. Elahcra. Tamankaduwa in Polonnaruwa District.
- Eastern : Elahera in Polonnaruwa District ; Bintenna Panwila South in Amparu District ; Mahiyanganaya in Badulla District.
- Southern: Harispattuwa, Uda Dumbara. Pata Dumbara, Panwila, Minipe in Kandy District
 - Western : Ridigama. Ibbagamuwa in Kurunegala District,

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6. Administrative District of Nuwara Eliya, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Kotmale Nuwara Eliya Ambagamuwa Korale Walapane

7. Administrative District of Galle. consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Bentara Walallawita Korale West Bentara Walallawita Korale East Bentara Walallawita Korale Central Bentara Walallawila Korale South Wellabada Pattuwa North Wellabada Pattuwa South Gangabada Pattuwa South Gangabada Pattuwa North Hinidum Pattuwa North Hinidum Pattuwa South Galu Kadawat Satara Bope-Poddala Akmeemana Kadawat Satara Talpe Pattuwa North Talpe Pattuwa South Wellabada Pattuwa East

 Administrative District of Matara, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Morawak Korale West Morawak Korale East Weligam Korale North Weligam Korale South Weligam Korale West Kandabada Pattuwa East Kandabada Pattuwa West Gangabada Pattuwa North Gangabada Pattuwa South Wellabada Pattuwa West and Kadawat Satara Wellabada Pattuwa East

9. Administrative District of Hambantota, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Governmerrt Agents' Divisions :-

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- Northern : Pasbage Korale, Udapalata, Pata Hewaheta, Uda Hewaheta, Uda Dumbara, Minipe in Kandy District.
- Eastern: Kandaketiya, Uva-Paranagama, Welimada, Haldummulla in Badulla District.
- Southern : Ratnapura, Imbulpe in Ratnapura District.
- Western : Ratnapura in Ratnapura District ; Deraniyagala and Yatiyantota divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions in Kegalle District.
- Northern : Kalutara Totamuna South ; Pasdun Korale South. Pasdun Korale West. Pasdun Korale East in Kalutara District; Kalawana in Ratnapura District.
- Eastern : Morawak Korale West, Weligam Korale North, Weligam Korale West in Matara District.

Southern: Sea.

Western: Sea.

- Northern : Kalawana, Kolonna Korale in Ratnapura District.
- Eastern: Katuwana, Weeraketiya, Bcliatta, Tangalle in Hambantota District.

Southern: Sea.

- Western : Hinidum Pattuwa North, Hinidum Pattuwa South, Gangabada Pattuwa North. Talpe Pattuwa North. Talpe Pattuwa South in Galle District.
- Northern: Kolonna Korale in Ratnapura District Tanamalwila in Monaragala District Panama Pattuwa in Ampara District.
- Eastern : Panama Pattuwa in Ampara District Sea.

Southern: Sea.

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- Tangal Ie Beliatta Weeranketiya Katuwana
- Administrative District of Jaffna, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

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Western - Wellabada Pattuwa East, Gangabada Pattuwa North, Kandabada Pattuwa West, Morawak Korale East in Matara District; Kolonne Korale in Ratnapura District.

Northern : Sea.

Eastern : Sea.

Southern : Pudhukudyiruppu. Muhudubada Pattuwa. Thunukkai in Mulaitivu District; Mantai West in Mannar District.

Western : Sea.

- Administrative District of Mannar, consisting of North the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-
- Mannar Nanattan Musali Mantai West

- Administrative District of Vavuniya, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-Vavuniya South (Tamil) Vavuniya South (Sinhala) Wengalacheitikulam Vavuniya North
- Administrative District of Mullaitivu. consisting or the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions ;-

Muhudubada P;muw;i Pudhukudyiruppu Pattuwa Matai East Thunukkai

- Northern: Punakari in Jaffna District; Mantai East in Mullaittivu District and Sea.
- Eastern : Thunukkai, Mantai East in Mullaitivu District ; Vavuniya South (Tamil), Wengala-Chettikulam in Vavuniya District; Nuwaragam Palatha West in Anuradhapura District.
- Southern : Wanatawillu in Puttalam District ; Nuwaragam Palata West in Anuradhapura District.

Western : Sea.

- Northern: Mantai East, Pudhukudyiruppu in Mullaitivu Disirict-
- Eastern: Muhudubada Pattuwa in Mullaitivu District.
- Southern : Nuwaragam Palatha West. Nuwaragam Palalha East, Kadawath Korale, Kunchuttu Korale. Padaviya in Anuradhapura District.
- Western: Thunukkai in Mullaitivu District; Mantai West, Nanattan in Mannar District.

Northern : Punakari, Karachchi in Jaffna District.

Eastern : Sea.

- Southern : Maoya ; Vavuniya North, Vavuniya South (Tamil) in Vavuniya District ; Mantai West in Mannar District.
- Western : Mantai West in Mannar District ; Punakari in Jaffna District.

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- 14. Administrative District of Batticaloa, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-
 - Korale Pattuwa North Korale Pattuwa Eravur Pattuwa Manmune Pattuwa North Manmune Pattuwa West Manmune Pattuwa South West and Poralhive Pattuwa Manmune South and Eruvil Pattuwa
- Administrative District of Ampara. consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Bintenna Pattuwa North Bintenna Pattuwa South Wevagam Pattuwa North Wevagam Pattuwa South Panama Pattuwa Potuvil Akkarapattuwa Addalachchena Ninthavur Pattuwa Karawahu Pattuwa Samanthurai Pattuwa Thirukkovil

- 16. Administrative District of Trincornalee, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agenis' Divisions :-
 - Trincomalee Town and Kadawat Koddiyar Pattuwa (Muttur) Tambalagamuwa Kantale Seruwila Kinniya Kattukulam Pattuwa East Kattukulam Patluwa West Morawewa
- 17. Administrative District of Kurunegala, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Galgamuwa Giribawa Maho Polpitigama Ibbagamuwa Ridigama Mawatagama Kurunegala Wariyapola Nikawcratiya Hettipola Bingiriya Kuliyapitiya Pannala Dambadeni Hatpattuwa West Dambadeni Hatpattuwa East Kubeigane

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LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

Northern : Seruwila in Trincomalee District.

Eastern : Sea.

- Southern: Karawahu Pattuwa, Wevagam Pattuwa North. Samanthurai Pattuwa, Bintenna Pattuwa North in Ampara District.
- Western : Tamankaduwa in Polonnaruwa District; Bintenna Pattuwa North in Ampara District.
- Northern: Tamankaduwa Division in Polonnaruwa District; Eravur Pattuwa, Manmune South West and Porathive Pattuwa. Manmune South and Eruvil Patttuwa in Batlicaloa District.
- Eastern: Manmune South-West and Porativu Pattuwa, Manmune South and Eruvil Pattuwa in Batticaloa District ; Sea.
- Southern : Tissamaharama Division in Hambantota District; Madulla, Bibile, Siyambalanduwa in Monaragala District; Mahiyanganaya, Ridimaliyadde in Badulla District.
- Western : Wilgamuwa in Matale District ; Mahiyanganaya, Ridimaliyadda in Badulla Disirict : Bibile, Madulla, Siyambalanduwa in Monaragala District.
- Northern ; Muhudubada Pattuwa in Vavuniya District.

Eastern : Sea.

- Southern : Korale Pattuwa North in Batticaloa District : Tamankaduwa, Lankapura, Medirigiriya in Polonnaruwa District.
- Western: Medirigiriya in Polonnaruwa District; Horovpatana, Kunchuttu Korale in Anuradhapura District.
- Northern : Kirimetiyava, Kumaravanni Palata in Puttalam District ; Nuwaragam Palata West, Nuwaragam Palata South, Kalagam Palata South in Anuradhapura District.
- Eastern : Kalagam Palata South in Anuradhapura District ; Galewela, Pallelpola, Matale in Matale District : Harispattuwa, Tumpane in Kandy District.
- Southern : Alutkuru Korale North ' A ', Ridigama, Divulapitiya in Gampaha District; Warakapola, Galigamuwa, Rambukkana in Kegalle District.
- Western : Rajawanni Palata, Kirimatiyawa, Kumarawanni Palata, Pitigal Korale North (Chilaw), Pitigal Korale South(Nattandiya), Wennappuwa in Putlalam District.

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 Administrative District of Puttalam, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions:-

Wanatavillu Kalpitiya Puttalam Pattu and Kadawat RajawanniPalata Kirimetiyawa KumarawanniPalata Arachchikattuwa Pitigal Korale North (Chilaw) Pitigal Korale South (Nattandiya) Wennappuwa

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LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

- Northern: Musali in Mannar District; Nuwaragam Palata West in Anuradhapura District.
- Eastern : Galgamuwa, Giribawa, Nikaweratiya, Bingiriya, Kuliyapitiya, Pannala in Kurunegala District.
- Southern : Alutkuru Korale North 'A', Divulapitiya in Colombo District.

Western: Sea.

 Administrative District of Anuradhapura, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Nuwaragam Palata East Nuwaragam Palata West Nuwaragam Palata Central Nuwaragam Palata South Kadawat Korale Kunchuttu Korale Hurulu Palata South Hurulu Palata Central Kalagam Palala North Kalagam Palata South Kande Korale Hurulu Wewa Kekirawa Mihintale Padaviva Horovpatana

20. Administrative District of Polonnaruwa, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Sinhala Pattuwa Lankapura Elahera Tamankaduwa Medirigiriya

- Northern : Musali in Mannar District; Wengalachettikulam, Vavuniya South (Sinhala), Vavuniya North in Vavuniya District; Maoya in Trincomalee District.
- Eastern: Kattukulam Pattuwa East. Kattukulam Pattuwa West, Yan Oya. Tampalakamam and Kantale in Trincomalee District; Sinhala Pattuwa and Minneriya in Polonnaruwa District.
- Southern : Galewela and Dambulla in Matale District; Galgamuwa and Polpitigama in Kurunegala District; Rajawanni Palata in Puttalam District.
- Western: Wanatawillu in Puttalam District; Musali in Mannar District.
- Northern : Horovpatana in Anuradhapura District; Seruvila, Kantale in Trincomaiee District.
- Eastern : Seruvila in Trincomalee District; Korale Pattuwa, Korale Pattuwa North, Eravur Pattuwa in Batticaloa District ; Bintenna Pattuwa North in Ampara District.
- Southern : Bintenna Pattuwa South in Ampara District; Korale Pattuwa in Batticaloa District; Vilgamuwa, Laggala, Dambulla in Matale District.
- Western : Naula, Dambulla in Matale District; Kekirawa, Huruluweva, Horovpatana in Anuradbapura District.

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21. Administrative District of Badulla, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Mahiyanganaya Ridimaliyadda Kandeketiya Meegahakivula Badulla Passara Soranatota Uva - Paranagama Welimada Bandarawela Haputale Haldummuila Hali - Ela Ella Column II

LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

Northern : Bintenna Pattuwa South in Ampara District ; Vilgamuwa in Malale District.

Eastern : Bintenna Pattuwa South in Ampara District ; Bibile, Medagama, Kandukara Korale, Buttala in Monaragala District.

Southern : Buttala. Tanamalvila in Monaragala District, Imbulpe, Balangoda in Ratnapura District.

Western : Imbulpe, Balangoda in Ratnapura District : Walapane, Nuwara Eliya in Nuwara Eliya District ; Minipe in Kandy District; Wilgamuwa in Malale District.

- 22. Administrative District of Monaragala, consisting or the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-
 - Bibile Medagama Madulla Monarngala Kandukara Korale Siyambalanduwa Bullala Tanamalvila

- Northern: Bintenna North, Bintenna Pattuwa South in Ampara District.
- Eastern : Wevgam Pattwa North, Wevgam Pattuwu South, Panama Pattuwa in Ampara District.
- Southern : Hambantota, Tissamaharamaya in Hambantota District.
- Western : Kolonna Korale, Atakalan Korale, Veligepola, Balangoda in Ratnapura District: Haldummulla, Bandarawela, Passara. Meegahakivula. Ridimaliyadde in Badulla District.
- 23. Administrative District of Ratnapura. consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-
 - Ratnapura Kuruwita Eheliyagoda Ayagama Kalawana Nivitigala Pelmadulla Balangoda Imbulpe Weligepola Kolonna Korale Atakatan Korale

- Northern : Dehiowita, Deraniyagala in Kegalle District ; Ambagamuwa Korale, Nuwara Eliya in Nuwara Eliya District : Avissawella in Colombo District ; Haldummulla in Badulla District.
- Eastern : Ambagamuwa Korale in Nuwara Eliya District . Haldummulla in Badulla District ; Thanamaivila in Monaragala District ; Ambalantola in Hambanlota District.
- Southern : Ambalantota, Angunakola-Pelessa, Katuwana in Hambantota District ; Morawak Korale East, Morawak Korale West in Matara District; Hinidum Pattuwa North in Galle District,
- Western : Morawak Korale East, Morawak Korale West in Matara District ; Avissawella in Colombo District : Ravipam Korale East, Gangabada Pattuwa, Pasdun Korale East in Kalutara District.

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24. Administrative District of Kegalle, consisting of the following divisional Assistant Government Agents' Divisions :-

Rambukkana Mawanella Aranayake Kegalle Galigamuwa Warakapola Ruwanwe Ila Yatiyantota Dehiowita Deraniyagala

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LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

- Northern : Mawatagama, Kurunegala. Dambadeni Hath Pattuwa East, Dambadeni Hath Pattuwa West in Kurunegala District, and Tumpane, Yatinuwara, Udunuwa in Kandy District.
- Eastern : Tumpane, Yatinuwara, Udunuwara, Udapalata, Gangaihala Korule, Pasbage Korale in Kandy District; and Ambagamuwa Korale in Nuwara Eliya District.
- Southern : Kuruwita, Eheliyagoda, Ratnapura in Ratnapura District.
- Western: Avissawella in Colombo District; and Attanagalla, Mirigama and Siyane Korale East, Gangabada Pattuwa (Weke) in Gampaha District.