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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT****No. 266****30 March 2015****MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT 1944 (ACT NO. 32 OF 1944): CREATION OF  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT COURTS IN  
RESPECT OF THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

I, Tshililo Michael Masutha, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, acting under section 2(1)(a) and (f) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (Act No. 32 of 1944), read with Item 16(6) of Schedule 6 to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, hereby with effect from 1 August 2015 in respect of the Mpumalanga Province and from 1 October 2015—

- (a) create magisterial districts listed under Column "A" of the attached Schedule and declare that such magisterial districts be called by the names referred to in the said Column; and
- (b) establish, in respect of the magisterial districts listed under Column "A", courts as indicated under Column "B" within the municipal areas listed under Column C" of the Schedule, for the purposes of—
  - (i) the trial of persons accused of committing any offences which shall have jurisdiction contemplated in sections 89 and 92 of the Magistrates' Court Act, 1944; and
  - (ii) adjudicating civil disputes contemplated in section 29(1) of the Magistrates' Court Act, 1944.

Any criminal or civil proceedings which on the date this Notice takes effect has already been placed on the court roll for trial or hearing in a court whose area of jurisdiction has been altered by this Notice and which has commenced, shall be dealt with and be finalised by the court where the matter is enrolled as if this Notice has not been published.

The maps and descriptions of areas of jurisdiction of the courts established under Column "B" of the Schedule as indicated above, including such detached courts as may be established under the section 2 of the Magistrates' Court Act, 1944, will be published in the *Gazette* before 1 October 2015.

Given under my hand at ..... Pretoria ..... on this the ..... 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... day  
of ..... March ..... Two Thousand and Fifteen .



**TM MASUTHA, MP (ADV)**  
**MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**SCHEDULE**

<b>COLUMN A: MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS CREATED</b>	<b>COLUMN B: COURTS ESTABLISHED</b>	<b>COLUMN C: MUNICIPAL AREAS</b>
Bushbuckridge	Mapulaneng	Bushbuckridge
Chief Albert Luthuli	Elukwatini	Chief Albert Luthuli
Dipaleseng	Balfour	Dipaleseng
Dr JS Moroka	Siyabuswa	Dr JS Moroka
Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme	Volkstrust	Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme
eMalahleni	Witbank	eMalahleni
Emakhazeni	Belfast	Emakhazeni
Govan Mbeki	Evander	Govan Mbeki
Lekwa	Standerton	Lekwa
Mbombela	Mbombela	Mbombela
Mkhondo	Piet Retief	Mkhondo
Msukaligwa	Ermelo	Msukaligwa
Nkomazi	Tonga	Nkomazi
Steve Tshwete	Middelburg	Steve Tshwete
Thaba Chweu	Mashishing	Thaba Chweu
Thembisile Hani	Kwaggafontein	Thembisile Hani
Umjindi	Barberton	Umjindi
Victor Khanye	Delmas	Victor Khanye