

**Law No. (16) of 1992
on the administrative structure**

The General People's Congress

In implementation of the decisions issued by People's Congresses in their first ordinary session of 1402 AH, corresponding to 1992 AD, formulated by the General Forum of People's Congresses, People's Committees, syndicates, professional associations and unions (the General People's Congress) in its first ordinary session held from 10-11 Rabi' al-Thani 1402 FDP, corresponding to 7-8 July 1992 AD;

Upon review of:

- The Declaration of the Establishment of the Authority of the People;
- The Great Green Charter of Human Rights in the Jamahiriyan Era;
- Law No. (9) of 1984 on the organisation of People's Congresses;
- Law No. (13) of 1990 on People's Committees;
- Law No. (3) of 1992 on local administration of financial affairs;
- General People's Congress Resolution No. (10) of 1987 on the issuance of the general regulation of People's Congresses;

Affirming that the direct rule of the people is the basis of the political system in the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, since power lies solely in the hands of the people and is exercised through People's Congresses, People's Committees, syndicates, professional associations and unions (the General People's Congress);

has drafted the following law:

Article (1)

Basic People's Congresses constitute the political and administrative system of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and their number shall be determined by the Basic People's Congresses themselves in accordance with attached list.

Article (2)

Every Basic People's Congress shall have an administrative secretariat and a People's Committee, each of which shall exercise its competencies in accordance with the law.

Article (3)

Every Basic People's Congress shall have, within its administrative jurisdiction, financial and administrative independence and shall be considered as one administrative unit regarding the implementation of the legislation in force.

Article (4)

Every Basic People's Congress may, within its administrative jurisdiction, issue any resolution it sees fit, and these resolutions shall have the same power as laws, to the extent that they do not contradict the laws and resolutions issued by the General People's Congress.

Article (5)

Any Basic People's Congress may decide to merge with another Basic People's Congress, taking into consideration population density, geographical conditions and economic capabilities. It is only permitted for neighbouring and geographically contiguous Basic People's Congresses to undertake such mergers.

Article (6)

The competencies and powers of People's Committees for Communes set forth in the legislation in force shall revert to the People's Committees of Basic People's Congresses.

Article (7)

The executive regulations for this law shall be issued by virtue of a decision by the Secretariat of the General People's Congress and the General People's Committee, each within its mandate.

The regulations shall specify in particular:

1. The administrative jurisdiction of every Basic People's Congress.
2. The competencies of the secretariats of Basic People's Congresses, in such a way as to ensure the fulfilment of their duties.
3. The competencies of People's Committees of Basic People's Congresses, and the financial and administrative competencies necessary to ensure the fulfilment of their duties.

Article (8)

Any provision contrary to this law shall be repealed.

Article (9)

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and in various media outlets and it shall enter into force from its date of issuance.

The General People's Congress – Libya

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Corresponding to 7 July 1992 AD