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An Act relating to the Charter of the Provinces

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BE IT ENACTED, by the Office of the Prime Minister of the New Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions, with the advice and consent of the Imperial Parliament thereof, as follows:

Introduction

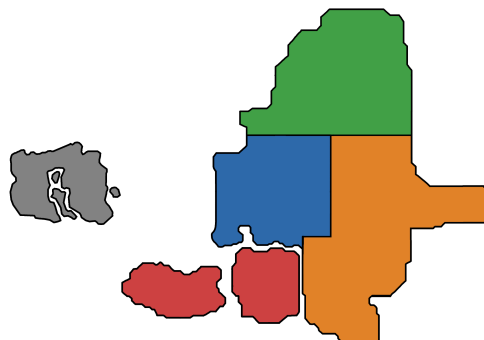
1. Whereas the need to branch away from the martial-centric focus of the Imperial Sarovian Armed Forces is urgently known within the halls of Parliament, it is the intention of His Imperial Majesty's Government to commit to the development of the provinces of the New Sarovian Empire.

The purpose of this development is to further the civilian institutions, strengthen democracy and delegate powers held by the federal government which were not exercised properly unto a new form of provincial government - a series of governments that exercise their authority that the federal government has distributed, not taken by the provinces themselves.

The Establishment of Provinces

2. It is the will of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor and His Government to formally establish the creation of the four Sarovian provinces as unique and different jurisdictions. The following electoral districts will make up four Sarovian provinces:

- The Province of Kiev (red) shall consist of *Fort Nafetia, West Kiev & East Kiev*,
- The Province of Preuze (blue) shall consist of *Northern Preuze, Southern Preuze, Modena & Karlstadt*;
- The Province of Upper Preuze (green) shall consist of *Cape of Brianna & Port Victoria*; and
- The Province of Vurgos (orange) shall consist of *Scotia, Nira, Vurgos 1, Vurgos 2, St. Constantine's, Sarvium & Nafetia*.



Members may choose residency in Sarholm, which offers no provincial government and only federal representation.

Lord-Lieutenants, Provincial Chief Ministers & Legislative Assemblies

3. On the command of His Imperial Majesty's Services Minister, four Lords-Lieutenant, members of the Assembly of Peers preferably the titular Lords of said Provinces, shall be appointed. Lords-Lieutenant shall fly the flag of the province defaced with the Imperial Crown. Lords-Lieutenant shall act as His Imperial Majesty's personal representative of the province, similar to a Governor-General. Lords-Lieutenant shall possess the authority to, on the command of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor or the Minister of Services, dismiss or call elections for the province. Lords-Lieutenant also award honours and decorations for civilians within the province that meet the necessary criteria, but are otherwise powerless, unless empowered by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor through the Prime Minister to take the powers of Chief Minister in a time of crisis. Lords-Lieutenants shall be referred to as *His Imperial Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Province, Title, Name*.

All provinces will be bestowed upon their own Legislative Assembly, known as the Provincial Legislative Assembly (PLA) or a similar name. The Legislative Assemblies shall under all circumstances be fluid based on the population of the Province, with every fifteen residents or citizens of the province putting forward one Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). The Legislative Assembly shall possess the powers and jurisdictions outlined in §4. Members of the Legislative Assembly must live in the province and may possess any occupation or job, though may not resign at any moment.

Electoral procedures outlined in §7 shall determine the Member of the Legislative Assembly able to command confidence of the Assembly, and shall be appointed by the provincial Lord-Lieutenant to be the Chief Minister of the Province. The Chief Minister shall be referred to *His/Her Honour the Chief Minister of Province*. The Chief Minister is responsible for the wellbeing of the province and alongside the Legislative Assembly, guiding civil legislation throughout the Assembly.

The Charter of Provincial Jurisdiction

4. By the authority vested in His Imperial Majesty the Emperor and in recognition of the diverse needs and characteristics of our realm's provinces, we hereby confer the following rights and powers to four provinces within our Empire:

- Each province shall have the authority to formulate and enforce its election laws, ensuring fair, transparent, and democratic electoral processes within its territorial

boundaries, so long as they are concurrent and non-contradictory to this Act of Parliament;

- The provincial governments shall uphold and safeguard the civil and human rights of all individuals residing within their jurisdictions, ensuring equality, dignity, and freedom from discrimination;
- Residents of the provinces shall possess the liberty to choose whether to assemble under a guild tag or not, and the Chief Minister shall oversee and regulate guild-related activities in adherence to established laws and principles;
- The provinces shall have the prerogative to organise and manage events, festivals, and provincial and federal holidays, celebrating local traditions, heritage, and historical significance, enriching the cultural tapestry of the province;
- The provincial governments shall have the power to institute and collect provincial taxes and manage provincial budgets to foster socio-economic development and welfare within their territories;
- Provinces shall exercise partial jurisdiction over educational matters, including the establishment and oversight of educational institutions, aligning with overarching educational policies established by the Imperial government and the Minister of Education;
- The provincial authorities are empowered to establish, regulate, and oversee police forces responsible for maintaining law and order within their respective provinces, operating in accordance with Imperial law and in accordance with the consent of the Imperial Sarovian Constabulary;
- Recognition and protection of property rights within the designated provinces shall be ensured by the provincial governments, safeguarding individuals' rights to own and utilise property lawfully;
- The designated provinces shall have the responsibility to manage and regulate the utilisation of natural resources within their territories; and
- The provincial governments shall possess the authority to establish and regulate corporations operating within their jurisdictions, ensuring adherence to Imperial commercial laws and fostering economic growth and stability.

Provincial Culture

5. It is the responsibility of the provinces to maintain and uphold their respective provincial cultures, including the establishment of provincial holidays and events and the implementation of those events. It is also the responsibility of the provinces to maintain and expand their citizenship rosters.

Public Electoral Roll

6. Provinces will be established within the Sarovian Discord Server, of which will consist of categories for each of the provinces and a base of three channels each: an announcements channel, a provincial general channel and a Legislative Assembly channel. The Province may purchase new channels for themselves from their provincial budgets. The presence of other individuals within the province will also move towards the creation of a Public Electoral Roll which will allow federal and provincial politicians to know who to court for future elections.

Elective Procedures of the Provinces

7. In the absence of a provincially established electoral system, this Legislation shall mandate the electoral system for the provinces. Provinces may make their own electoral rules but may not alter the necessity of the Oath of Allegiance or do so in an unconstitutional or illegal manner.

The Lord-Lieutenant will announce a new election as necessary. All provinces shall allow individuals to announce candidacy with a minimum of a 150 word declaration to the effect to be posted in the province's announcement by the Lord-Lieutenant so long as they meet the electoral requirements. An electoral date will be announced by the Lord-Lieutenant of the province no less than five days and no more than nine days from the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly. On the day of the election, the Lord-Lieutenant will post in the announcements channel a list of all the candidates and their applicable political parties if possible, and an associated reaction for each. Votes will be cast via reactions for a period of twelve hours or until all votes are cast, whichever comes first.

All Members of the Legislative Assembly will then convene to discuss and vote on which of them will command the confidence of the Legislative Assembly, and as such, become the Chief Minister. The Lord-Lieutenant will then invite all Members to swear the Oath of Allegiance.

Provincial Budgets

8. Within one week of being sworn in by the Lord-Lieutenant, the Members of the Legislative Assembly must put forward a simple provincial budget which will allow the Province to continue doing the necessary events. The Chief Minister is chiefly responsible for the budget, and it must be passed by a majority in the Province. Within the budget sheet, all cells shaded grey should not be touched but all yellow tables require input to work. The spreadsheet works automatically if the colour-code scheme is worked with, not against. Expenditure and events will have the same prices set in Federal budgets.

