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Chapter I

Judicial Organisation

Section 1

The Supreme Court of Iceland shall be the highest judicial authority in Iceland. The Court shall be a court of appeals, based in Reykjavík.

Section 2

The district courts shall be eight in number. Their names,

places and areas of office shall be as follows:

1. The District Court of Reykjavík shall be based in Reykjavík, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Reykjavík, Seltjarnarnes, Mosfellsbær and Kjósarhreppur.

2. The District Court of Western Iceland shall be based at Borgarnes, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Akranes, Hvalfjarðarstrandarhreppur, Skilmannahreppur, Innri-Akraneshreppur, Leirár- og Melahreppur, Andakílshreppur, Skorradalshreppur, Lundarreykjadalshreppur, Reykholtsdalshreppur, Hálsahreppur, Hvítársíðuhreppur, Þverárhlíðarhreppur, Borgarhreppur, Borgarbyggð, Álftaneshreppur, Kolbeinsstaðahreppur, Eyja- og Miklaholtshreppur, Snæfellsbær, Eyrarsveit, Helgafellssveit, Stykkishólmsbær, Dalabyggð and Saurbæjarhreppur.

3. The District Court of the West Fjords shall be based at Ísafjörður, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Reykhólahreppur, Vesturbyggð, Tálknafjarðarhreppur, Bolungarvík, Ísafjörður, Súðavíkurhreppur, Árneshreppur, Kaldrananaeshreppur, Hólmavíkurhreppur,

Kirkjubólshreppur, Broddaneshreppur and Bæjarhreppur.

4. The District Court of Northwest Iceland shall be based at Sauðárkrókur, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Staðarhreppur, Fremri-Torfustaðahreppur, Ytri-Torfustaðahreppur, Hvammstangahreppur, Kirkjuhvammshreppur, Þverárhreppur, Þorkelshólshreppur, Áshreppur, Sveinsstaðahreppur, Torfalækjarhreppur, Blönduósþær, Svínavatnshreppur, Bólstaðarhlíðahreppur, Engihlíðahreppur, Vindhælishreppur, Höfðahreppur, Skagahreppur, Skefilsstaðahreppur, Skarðshreppur, Sauðárkrókur, Staðarhreppur, Seyluhreppur, Lýtingsstaðahreppur, Akrahreppur, Rípurhreppur, Viðvíkurhreppur, Hólahreppur, Hofshreppur, Fljótahreppur and Siglufjörður.

5. The District Court of Northeast Iceland shall be based at Akureyri, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Ólafsfjörður, Grímseyjarhreppur, Dalvík, Svarfaðardalshreppur, Hríseyjarhreppur, Árskógshreppur, Arnarneshreppur, Skriðuhreppur, Öxnadalshreppur, Glæsibæjarhreppur, Akureyri, Eyjafjarðarsveit,

Svalbarðsstrandarhreppur, Grýtubakkahreppur, Hálshreppur, Ljósavatnshreppur, Bárðdælahreppur, Skútustaðahreppur, Reykdælahreppur, Aðaldælahreppur, Reykjahreppur, Húsavík, Tjörneshreppur, Kelduneshreppur, Öxarfjarðahreppur, Raufarhafnarhreppur, Svalbarðshreppur and Þórshafnarhreppur.

6. The District Court of East Iceland shall be based at Egilsstaðir, serving the areas of the following municipalities:

Skeggjastaðahreppur, Vopnafjarðahreppur, Hlíðar-, Jökuldals- and Tunguhreppur, Fljótsdalshreppur, Skriðdalshreppur, Vallahreppur, Egilsstaðir, Fellahreppur, Eiðahreppur, Hjaltastaðahreppur, Borgarfjarðahreppur, Seyðisfjörður, Neskaupstaður, Eskifjörður, Reyðarfjarðahreppur, Mjóafjarðahreppur, Fáskrúðsfjarðahreppur, Búðahreppur, Stöðvarhreppur, Breiðdalshreppur, Djúpavogshreppur, Bæjarhreppur, Hornarfjörður, Borgarhafnarhreppur and Hofshreppur.

7. The District Court of South Iceland shall be based at Selfoss, serving the areas of the following municipalities:

Skaftárhreppur, Mýrdalshreppur, Austur-Eyjafjallahreppur,

Vestur-Eyjafjallahreppur, Austur-Landeyjahreppur, Vestur-Landeyjahreppur, Fljótshlíðarhreppur, Hvolhreppur, Rangárvallahreppur, Holta- og Landsveit, Ásahreppur, Djúpárhreppur, Vestmannaeyjar, Gaulverjabæjarhreppur, Stokkseyrarhreppur, Eyrarbakkahreppur, Sandvíkurhreppur, Selfoss, Hraungerðishreppur, Villingaholtshreppur, Skeiðahreppur, Gnúpverjahreppur, Hrunamannahreppur, Biskupstungnahreppur, Laugardalshreppur, Grímsneshreppur, Þingvallahreppur, Grafningshreppur, Hveragerði and Ölfushreppur.

8. The District Court of Reykjanes shall be based at Hafnarfjörður, serving the areas of the following municipalities: Grindavík, Sandgerði, Gerðahreppur, Reykjanesbær, Vatnsleysustrandarhreppur, Hafnarfjörður, Garðabær, Bessastaðahreppur and Kópavogur.

The area of office of each district court shall be served by a single court. However, the [Minister of the Interior]¹⁾ may, by the issue of a regulation²⁾, provide for a different arrangement, having obtained the opinion of the district court in question and of the Judicial Council.