

MODELS AND CHALLENGES IN THE ORGANISATION OF LITHUANIAN TERRITORIAL STATE ADMINISTRATION ENTITIES

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ABSTRACT

Central state administration entities implement public administration functions at the territorial level through territorial state administration entities, which constitute a distinct component of the public administration system. This level is crucial as it directly ensures the provision of administrative and public services to individuals within the administrative units of the Republic of Lithuania, thereby serving the public interest. This article aims to analyse the organisational model of territorial state administration entities and the challenges associated with their organisation.

The study of the layout model (organisational structure) of territorial state administration entities begins with an analysis of its legal regulation in the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts. The article first investigates whether the organisational model of these entities is established in the country's main law or other laws of the Republic of Lithuania, and how detailed this model is defined in the aforementioned legal acts. Special attention is also given to the actual arrangement of territorial public administration entities within the administrative units of the Republic of Lithuania. The criteria and principles guiding these arrangements are examined, as well as the powers granted to the heads of central public administration entities to make decisions regarding the organisation of these entities. The conclusions drawn from the research are presented at the end of the article.

Keywords: system of public administration entities, central state administration entities, territorial state administration entities, administrative units of the territory.

INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania is quite restrained regarding the organisation of territorial state administration entities. Only Part 1 of Article 123 of this fundamental legal act stipulates that management in higher-level administrative units is organised by the Government in accordance with the procedure established by law [1]. The Constitution contains no further provisions that relate to the territorial state administration entities discussed in this article.

There is also no special legal act (law) in the Republic of Lithuania that regulates the system of territorial state administration entities, including the legal bases for their organisation and operation. Only Part 2 of Article 4 of the Law on Public Administration of the Republic of Lithuania (as last amended on 28 May 2020 - No. XIII-2987)