

ARTICLE II

Except as heretofore abrogated, suspended or modified by Military Government or by the Control Council for Germany, the German law in force at the time of the occupation shall be applicable in each area of the United States Zone of occupation, until repealed by, or superseded by a new law enacted by the Control Council for Germany, or by Military Government or the states hereby constituted or by other competent authority.

ARTICLE III

1. Subject to the authority of Military Government, each of the states hereby constituted shall have full legislative, judicial and executive powers except as the exercise thereof would be in conflict with action heretofore or hereafter taken by the Control Council for Germany or by any central German authority established by it.

2. Until such time as it is possible to establish democratic institutions, it will be sufficient for the validity of state legislation that it be approved and promulgated by the Minister President.

ARTICLE IV

The authority is hereby recognized of Regierungspräsidenten, Landräte, mayors and other local officials to enact legislation and exercise other government powers to the same extent to which they had such authority under German law in force at the time of the occupation, as from time to time modified by the Control Council for Germany or by or with the approval of Military Government. They shall have, in addition, all authority necessary or appropriate to carry out the tasks with the performance of which they are charged by Military Government.

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