

ABSTRACT

The political reform which occurred in 1998 has changed the relation between the central and local government that considered as the beginning of the change of centralized government system to decentralized government system. This research aims to evaluate the development of decentralization after the political reform. The type of this research is normative legal research with statute approach. In addition, by using a juridical qualitative and descriptive method the research result show some effects of political reform towards the decentralization, the design of decentralization, and efforts to strengthen decentralization. The result of the research shows that the development of decentralization in Indonesia after the political reform seems to be fluctuate and become more centralized. Local Government Act of 1999 which gives more decentralized model and has reinforced the bargaining position of the region against the central government by having a wide decentralization. However, the Local Government Act of 2004 and 2014 has returned the decentralization system back to amore centralized system. It formulated the suggestion for the President Republic of Indonesia and the DPR to bring back the state closer to the people and maintain well the decentralized government system by having a great commitment to strengthen the region by providing the consistent regulatory framework to foster the spirit of decentralization and create the most proper supervision system for the central government to distribute the autonomy.

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