

Civil Court #3

The Imperial Crown, Sir L'Bete, asked for a ruling on whether an unchartered Subdivision (i.e. March, County, etc.) retains its Imperial vote if it is not at the required number of members to meet its status.

The number of members needed to attain the level of different subdivisions is set in the Lex Adria. If a subdivision does not meet these numbers they are reduced. However, **chartered** subdivisions enjoy a little extra protection. A chartered subdivision does not change status until its charter is revoked or amended. Unchartered subdivisions do not have this protection. On the local level the local Crown may give some time or leeway to let a subdivision rebuild its numbers before dissolving or reducing it. However, by the law, that subdivision does not qualify for its status if it is below numbers. Those numbers are a requirement for status. Therefore, it is the unanimous ruling of this Court that any unchartered subdivision that is below numbers at the time the Estates are frozen for an upcoming Imperial Estates Meeting does not qualify for its Imperial vote. This ruling mainly applies to Marches as they are the only unchartered subdivision with an inherent Imperial vote, however if a Senior Estate doesn't have their numbers they would lose their vote also.