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## **GOVERNORATE AND POWIAT REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES IN POLTAVA GOVERNORATE: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS (DECEMBER 1919 – APRIL 1920)**

Legal framework of forming and structuring the governorate and powiat (county) revolutionary committees organized in December 1919 by the Soviet Russian military power in Poltava Governorate was based on “Revolutionary Committees Regulations” adopted in late October 1919 by the All-Russian Central Executive Committee and the Defense Council of Soviet Russia and “Temporary Regulations on the Organization of Local Workers’ and Peasants’ Governments” adopted in late 1918 on the basis of the Decree of the Provisional Workers’ and Peasants’ Government of Ukraine “Organization of Local Governments”. The Governorate Revolutionary Committee included the following departments: Management Department, consisting of administrative and rules subdivision, information and instruction subdivision, registration subdivision, special registration subdivision and police subdivision; Labour Department;

Social Security Department; Health Department; Finance Department; Law Department; Education Department and Food Committee. Various ad-hoc commissions were structural units of the Governorate Revolutionary Committee. Revolutionary committees being created as extraordinary war-time bodies of proletarian dictatorship influenced the character of their structuring and competence. The organisational structure and functions of powiat (county) revolutionary committees were similar to those of the Governorate Revolutionary Committee. They were characterized by a great number of various temporary commissions. The structure and competence of the governorate and powiat revolutionary committees generally met the assigned tasks of strengthening the Soviet power, brought in Ukraine on the tips of Red Army bayonets. Their optimal structure was provided by constant reorganization of their departments.