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THE SHRINKING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

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Abstract

Local government in Malaysia has been in place even before independence. Some services, such as education and health services were taken away through some form of restructuring exercise between the federal and state governments even before independence. Likewise, other functions,