

## **Regional Autonomy in Indonesia: Concept, Evolution, and the Role of Local Government**

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### **Abstract:**

In accordance with Article 18 of the 1945 Constitution, local government in Indonesia organizes the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia into provinces, regencies, and cities with governments regulated by law. The concept of regional autonomy and assistance guides the management of government activities by provincial, district, and city entities in accordance with Law No. 23/2014. This article aims to explain the importance of local government autonomy, including structural changes, the role of local governments, and the impact of regulations on governance arrangements. The research method uses literature with in-depth analysis of existing information sources. Steps included topic selection, literature collection from various sources, literature evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of information to present a deeper understanding of the evolution of regional autonomy. Local government as stipulated in the Law divides Indonesia into provinces, regencies and municipalities with the management of local government affairs and the Regional House of Representatives. A number of changes to the law from 1999 to Law No. 23/2014 emphasized the need for different government structures based on the concept of autonomy. Regional autonomy is important for efficient and effective governance management.

### **Keywords:**

Article 18 of the 1945 Constitution, Regional Autonomy, Regional Government Structure.