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ABSTRACT

This thesis aims to study legal problems related to the exercise of village headman's authority. At present, although the Local Government Act, BE. 2457 has specified the rules concerning the exercise of village headman's power but it was found the village headman exercised his power wrongfully leading the damage to people and communities.

The analysis results showed that (1) The exercise of village headman's authority according to the Local Government Act, BE. 2457, Section 27 does not adopt the good governance principles at the local administration level of the village headman. As a result, the performance of duties of the village headman is in a way to prevent the abuse of authority. (2) Examining the exercise of village headman's authority according to the Local Government Act, BE. 2457, Section 28 Ter stipulates the rules for having a village committee but still lacking criteria for examining the exercise of village headman's authority resulting in the independent exercise of authority without any investigation. (3) The participation of local people according to the Local Government Act, BE. 2457, Section 15 prescribes the duties of the village headman and the village committee without the rules on the participation of people in the village which is a person who truly understands and knows the problems related to their society and community.

The author agrees to propose the amendment of the Local Government Act, B.E. 2457, consisting of (1) Add the good governance rules in relation to the exercise of authority of the village headman. (2) Adding the village committee has the power and duty to examine the exercise of the

village headman's power. (3) Add duties of the village headman and the village committee by allowing people to take part in performing various duties in order to participate in caring for their community.