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The Provincial Organization Administration, one of local administration forms of Thailand, set up by the Provincial Organization Administration Act B.E. 2498, is authorized to render public services in the province's area which is not located in the municipality or in the santitary district units. It consists of two major parts, The Provincial Council, whose members are elected by the people to make the provincial regulations, to look over the function of the administration and provincial budget, and a governor appointed by the Ministry of Interior, head of the administration department of the Provincial Organization Administration.

The Provincial Organization Administration is quasi-provincial and local administration form because of the following factors: under the law, a governor is authorized to run the Provincial Administration Organization, whereas, the Provincial Council which is the direct representative of people has no pratical power to control the governor's function. Moreover, the governor, as the head of the provincial administration, is authorized to supervise the the function of the Provincial Organization Administration. It enables the governor, a representative of the government have more influence on the Provincial Organization Administration's affairs.

Consequently, the regulation amendment to better the function of the Provincial Organization Administration more efficiently should be to give more power to the Provincial Council to control the function of the administration department to responce to public desires. The governor should be responsible on the policy-making. The implementation should be under the control of the head of local body and the Interior Minister should be the only organ to supervise the Provincial Organization Administration.