

## Ulrich Zeiler: Legal Stipulations concerning the Flags of the Free- State Saxony after its new Foundation in 1990

[Gesetze und Verordnungen über Flaggen des Freistaates Sachsen  
nach dessen Neugründung 1990] POSTER

**Contents:** The Land Sachsen (Saxon country), having been newly established after World War II, was dissolved in the run of centralization of the administration of the then German Democratic Republic in 1952. In realisation of the “Law on the further democratisation of structure and methods of the state organs of the German Democratic Republic” (23.07.1952) Saxony was split into three districts – Chemnitz, Dresden and Leipzig.

Already during the peaceful revolution in the GDR at the end of the 80th it was visible, that the former Laender – Saxony, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia – were present in the memory of the population. Thus it was the real consequence, to restore the Laender. On 22.07.1990 the “constitutional law about the formation of laender in the German Democratic Republic” was adopted.

But still before the foundation of the new laender the GDR joined on 03.10.1990 the Federal Republic. And



from now on Germany had five new laender and the united Land Berlin. After that the new laender adopted regulations concerning their flags, coats-of-arms and seals. The stipulations concerning the official emblems in Saxony caused no problems, as the historical symbols (flag and coat-of-arms) were readopted with great approval by the population.

The poster shows, that up to now many a legal stipulation had to be adopted, arranging the design and use of the state emblems.

But not only the official emblems of the Saxon Free State had been fixed, but also the flags, coats-of-arms and seals of the administrative units (districts and municipalities). Flags of the national minorities – the Sorbes and the inhabitants of Lower Silesia – have been stipulated in such an administrative decree too.



#### About the author



**Ulrich Zeiler**, born in 1954, since school fascinated by flags (his father had the book "Flags and Banners" by Otfried Neubecker [1939] and also the Bulgaria card-collection "Flags of Non-European States" [appr. 1932]). During university studies searching for vexillological literature. Thus began an extensive correspondence with others, interested in vexillology, and exchange of periodicals and books. 1985 co-founder of the heraldists' branch of the "Kulturbund" in Leipzig and 1995 founding member of the DGF.

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