Abstract

In the present work one is to present/display the reality of the Argentine municipalities. We began developing the origin of the municipality to know its nature, and found that the local governments are par excellence who are most near to the people, and who therefore of effective way but and efficient can consequently give the answers that the society requires, and taking care of the new realities they had to modify its traditional roll, happening to be simple administrators to transform itself into active local actors with responsibilities of promotion of the economic and social development of its localities. In order to be able to assume those new responsibilities it is indispensable condition, and maximum in a Federal State, that such enjoy a real autonomy, not only to be able to take care of the new local challenges, but because this way they contribute to strengthen the democratic system of government and the federal form of government, since as Alberdi said, the municipality is the first scene where the citizen learns to live in democracy.

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