ABSTRACT

The Politicization Over Bureaucracy In The Local Head Post Election
(Case Study In Regency Of South Lampung 2010)

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Law Number 32 in 2004 about Local Government has delegated the authority to running local government respectively. It is directed to accelerate the realization of people's welfare through the service increase, empowerment and community participation, and enhancing the competitiveness of the regions with the principles of democracy, equity, justice, privilege and specificity of a region in the system of the Republic of Indonesia. But the decentralization of government instead become a means to enrich themselves and the extension of corruption by political elites in the region. Decentralization encourage negative exploitation of existing areas and didn’t empower local communities and build an optimal and effective as expected from the implementation of decentralization itself. The elected Regent in the era of direct elections was not born from a product selection system that is able to produce leaders who have the political vision to build a strong government morality, but because there are problems of recruitment that are transactional systems that result in the relationship between the interests of the party with the regent candidate, and regent candidate relationships with constituents running in a pragmatic relationship.

This research was purposed to (a) identify the manifestation of the politicization of bureaucracy after regent’s Election in South Lampung Regency. (b) identify the factors that influence the politicization of bureaucracy after regent elections in South Lampung Regency. This research used descriptive type of research with qualitative approach. Data were collected using deep interview and documentation.

The results showed that manifestation of the politicization of bureaucracy after regent’s Election in South Lampung Regency is (a) lack of neutrality of civil servants, (b) transactional politics in the placement office, (c) the political fringe, and (d) dysfunction and the role Baperjakat. Interests that influence the politicization of bureaucracy (a) interest or political power, (b) the interests of career bureaucrats or patron client, (c) primordialism, and (d) neo-feudalism.

This research recommends some suggestions: (1) The Government is more guided by the Act in the process of bureaucratic reform with remove interests beyond the interests of society, (2) of the bureaucrats are expected to perform duties and
functions as government officials whose job is to serve the public interest, and (3) the active role of society, the press, media, NGOs, other authorized person, and every layer of society is further enhanced in guarding the running of the government in South Lampung Regency.

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