









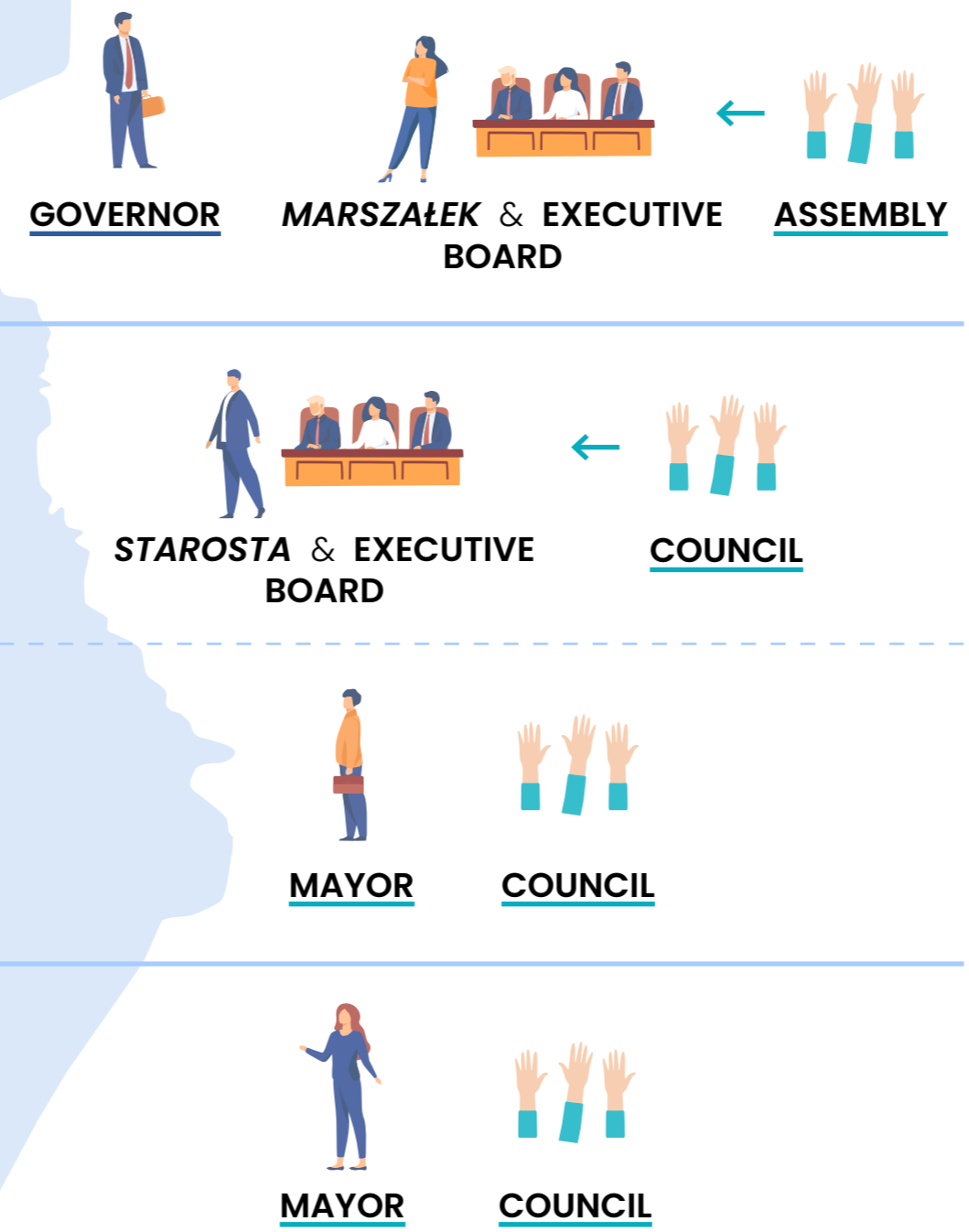
Self-government in Poland: the basics



LEVELS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS	NUMBERS*
 PROVINCES (voivodeships)	 16
 COUNTIES (poviats)	 314
 CITIES WITH COUNTY RIGHTS	 66
 MUNICIPALITIES (gminas)	 2 477

Local self-government is exercised at **all three levels**

SELF-GOVERNMENT BODIES



IN PROVINCES, administrative authority is shared between a **central government-appointed governor** (*voivode*), an **elected assembly** (*sejmik*), and an executive board (*zarząd województwa*) chosen by the assembly. The executive board is headed by the *marszałek*.

COUNTIES have an **elected council** (*rada powiatu*) which elects an executive board (*zarząd powiatu*) headed by a *starosta*.

CITY COUNTIES have their own **elected council** (*rada miejska, rada miasta*) and a directly **elected mayor** (*prezydent*).

MUNICIPALITIES have an **elected council** and a directly **elected mayor** (known as *prezydent, burmistrz, or wójt*).

* According to Statistics Poland as of 1 January 2020