

Republic of the Philippines  
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Cotabato City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(Fifth Regular Session)

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, two thousand.

[ MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT 99 ]

AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY PUNAY HIGAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLIMA ESTINO, PROVINCE OF SULU, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Sitio Punay Higad is hereby elevated into and created as a separate and distinct barangay from its mother Barangay Punay, in the Municipality of Panglima Estino, Province of Sulu, to be known as Barangay Punay Higad.

SEC. 2. Barangay Punay Higad is bounded as follows:

“On the N.E. by Punay Gimba; on the S.E., by Bud Bangkal; on the N.E., Likbah and on the N.W., by Lubok-Lubok.”

SEC. 3. Immediately after the ratification of this Act, the punong barangay and seven (7) members of the sangguniang barangay shall be appointed by the mayor of Panglima Estino Municipality; while, the chairman and seven (7) members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be appointed by the concerned punong barangay: Provided, That they shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in their next sangguniang regular elections: Provided, Further, That they shall exercise their duties and powers specified under Republic Act 6734, Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act 25, and other existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. The corporate existence of Barangay Punay Higad shall commence upon the appointment or election and qualification of the punong barangay and a majority of the sangguniang barangay members.

**SEC. 5.** The Sangguniang Bayan shall provide for the necessary allowances and other benefits of the appointed barangay officials out of the municipal funds until the regular allocation from the national government shall have been released to the new barangay.

**SEC. 6.** The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite, which shall be held within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.

**SEC. 7.** The expenses required for the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the treasury of the Municipality of Panglima Estino, Province of Sulu, as may be determined by its sangguniang bayan.

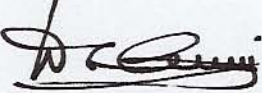
**SEC. 8.** The creation of Barangay Punay Higad shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose in the local government units directly affected.

**SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.


**APPROVED:**

  
**KABILAN C. SEMA**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on August 08, 2000.

  
**WILSON S. ANNI**  
Secretary General

**APPROVED:**

  
**PROF. NUR P. MISUARI**  
Regional Governor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_