

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

**FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**(Second Regular Session)**

**[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 139]**

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

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
GUINDULUNGAN OUT OF THE MOTHER  
MUNICIPALITY OF TALAYAN IN THE PROVINCE OF  
MAGUINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Barangays of Ahan, Bagan, Datal Pandan, Kalumamis, Kateman, Lambayao, Macasampen, Muslim, Muti, Sampao and Tambunan II in the Municipality of Talayan, Province of Maguindanao, are hereby separated from said municipality and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality in the same Province to be known as the Municipality of Guindulungan.

**SEC. 2.** The seat of the municipal government of the Municipality of Guindulungan shall be in Barangay Tambunan II.

**SEC. 3.** The Municipality of Guindulungan contains a land area of One Hundred Fifteen (115) sq. kilometers, more or less which shall be bounded as follows:

“Beginning at the point of origin, Point 1, the line moves due Northwest for 4,300 meters bearing 86°00’ to Point 2; thence, the line moves Northeast for 9,980 meters bearing 19°00’ along the junction of Talayan River to Point 3; thence due approximately 17,000 meters along Talayan River crossing the National Highway to Point 4; thence going Northwestward to Point 5 bearing 45°00’ for approximately 1,000 *meters*”



meters; the line moves Northeast for 1,500 meters bearing 85°00' along Barangay Sampao to Point 6; thence, going Northwestward bearing 02°00' for 1,100 meters to Point 7; thence, the line continues Southeastward bearing 74°00' for 2,900 meters along Barangay Muslim establishing a point along the banks of Talayan River to Point 8; thence, following the contour of Talayan River the line moves due Northeast bearing 64°00' for 4,700 meters to Point 9; thence, going Southeast bearing 36°00' for 1,900 meters to Point 10; thence, continuing due west passing the boundary line between the Municipality of Datu Piang traversing the National Highway for approximately 10,000 meters along the Municipality of Shariff Aguak to Point 11; thence, the line continues due south for approximately 7,500 meters passing two portions of Talayan River ending at Mt. Calipapa establishing Point 4; thence, closing the traverse still along the Municipality of Shariff Aguak, back to the Point of origin."

**SEC. 4.** The Municipality is a corporate entity with jurisdiction in all matters devolved to it by Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25 in accordance with the Constitution and the Organic Act, and other existing laws which shall commence upon the appointment or election and qualification of its Municipal Mayor and a majority of the members of its Sangguniang Bayan.

**SEC. 5.** Initially, the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall appoint the Municipal Mayor, Municipal Vice-Mayor and eight (8) members of its Sangguniang Bayan immediately after its ratification in a plebiscite and who shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in the next regular local elections.

Sectoral representatives, as ex-officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, shall be elected by their respective sectors according to the pertinent provisions of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25, as amended, and other existing laws.

**SEC. 6.** The appointive Municipal officials provided in the Local Government Code of the Autonomous Region shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the members of the Sangguniang Bayan: Provided, That appointment to position in the Career Service shall be governed by the Civil Service Rules and Laws.

**SEC. 7.** The Commission on Elections (COMELEC), shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in the municipality directly affected by the creation of said municipality within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The creation of the Municipality of Guindulungan shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite called for the purpose. *My*



SEC. 8. The expenses necessary in holding the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the Office of the Municipal Treasurer of the Mother Municipality or the Office of the Provincial Treasurer in the Province of Maguindanao or any other LGU's concerned not otherwise appropriated, by the Sangguniang Bayan or Sangguniang Panlalawigan, where proper, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

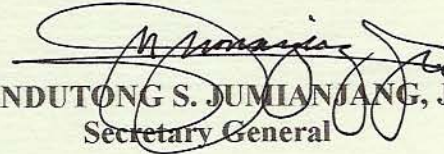
SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of provincial circulation in the Province of Maguindanao or Cotabato City. *Magr*

Approved.



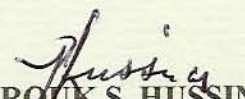
IBRAHIM P. IBAY  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on March 10, 2003.



MANDUTONG S. JUMIANJANG, JR.  
Secretary General

APPROVED:



PAROUK S. HUSSIN  
Regional Governor  
Date: March 21, 2003

