

RLA BILL NO. 15

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

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(Second Regular Session)

**MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 187**

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the thirtieth day of October, two thousand and six.

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
TABUAN-LASA IN THE PROVINCE OF BASILAN,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

Section 1. - The Four Islands of Bubuan, Lanawan, Saluping and Tabuan-Lasa comprising of Barangays Bubuan, Babag, Suligan in Bubuan Island; Lanawan and Kaumpurnah in Lanawan Island; Saluping, Bukut Umus, Pisak-Pisak and Balanting in Saluping Island; and Tong-Umos, Tambulig Buton and Sulloh in Tabuan-Lasa Island are hereby separated from the Municipality of Sumisip and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality to be known as the Municipality of Tabuan-Lasa.

Sec. 2. - The seat of government of the municipality of Tabuan-Lasa shall be at Barangay Lanawan, in Lanawan Island.

Sec. 3. - Immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite, the Regional Governor shall appoint the Municipal Mayor, Vice-Mayor and members of the Sangguniang Bayan of said municipality, who shall hold office until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified in a regular local election. Other officials of the municipality shall be appointed by the Mayor except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 4. - The corporate existence of the Municipality of Tabuan-Lasa shall commence upon the appointment of its prescribed local elective officials under Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act 25.

Sec. 5. - The amount necessary for the initial operation of the municipality shall be drawn from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the mother municipality, which may be determined according to its equitable share, until its own IRA shall have been determined and released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

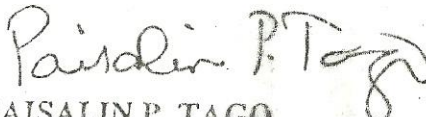
Sec. 6. - The Commission of Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in the municipality affected within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act.

Sec. 7. - The expenses required in holding the plebiscite shall be made available by the Regional Government, or any sources available. Provided, that public funds that may be used for the purpose shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations.

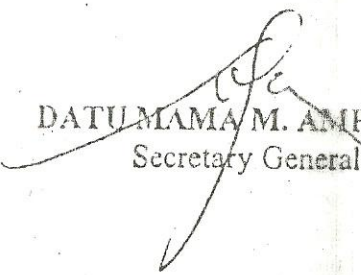
Sec. 8. - The creation of Tabuan-Lasa Municipality shall take effect when approved by a majority votes cast in a plebiscite called for the purpose.

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


APPROVED.

  
PAISALIN P. TAGO  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on July 10, 2007.

  
DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN  
Secretary General

APPROVED:

  
DATU ZALBY UY AMPATUAN  
Regional Governor  
Date signed: 7-21-2007