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

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(Second Regular Session)

MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 203

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the 30th day of October, two thousand six.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

Section 1. - There is hereby established an Engineering District in the Province of Maguindanao, which shall automatically function and operate upon the creation of the Province of Shariff Kabunsuan.

Sec. 2. - The organization and structure of the engineering district shall be the same with any engineering district in the ARMM or in the country with a staffing pattern and plantilla of personnel.

It shall be headed by a District Engineer with an Assistant District Engineer who shall both be appointed by the Regional Governor upon the recommendation by the DPWH-ARMM Secretary; subject to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations.

The ARMM, being a local government under the Constitution, PD No. 336 or career executive service officer eligibility for appointment shall not apply.

Sec. 3. - As established, the engineering district shall operate under the control and supervision of the DPWH-ARMM for the entire network of roads or highways and public works under its jurisdiction.

It shall, however, submit an annual maintenance program prior to the start of each fiscal year for the entire public highways and public works in the district for approval by the DPWH-ARMM Secretary which shall be endorsed by the Regional Governor to DPWH Secretary of the national government for funding assistance.

Sec. 4. - The district shall be entitled to per centum of funds for each project for administrative purposes as fixed by law.

Sec. 5. - Except as may be provided by law, the district shall have under its jurisdiction the entire remaining area of the province of Maguindanao.

Sec. 6. - Provisions of existing and relevant laws, rules and regulations not heretofore provided shall be suppletory in the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7. - Pending the organization of the district, the Regional Governor shall, upon recommendation by the DPWH-ARMM Secretary, temporarily set up an office by executive order in the area.

Sec. 8. - The assets and liabilities between the original and new engineering districts, including appropriations and capital equipment, shall be apportioned on a sixty and forty percentages basis as may be determined by a joint committee.

Sec. 9. - Such funds as may be necessary as determined and recommended by the DPWH-ARMM Secretary for approval by the Regional Treasurer out of any available funds in the Regional Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for initial operation of the engineering district is hereby authorized. Thereafter, its regular annual appropriations shall be included in the appropriations of the DPWH-ARMM.

Sec. 10. - This Act shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED.

PAISALIN P. TAGO
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on November 22, 2006.

DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN
Secretary-General

APPROVED:

DATU ZALDY PUTI UY AMPATUAN
Regional Governor
Date: _____

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November 23, 2006

HON. DATU ZALDY PUTI UY AMPATUAN
Regional Governor
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Cotabato City

Sir:

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 9054, I have the honor to forward the herewith attached copy of RLA Bill No. 52, which was passed by the Regional Assembly, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during its regular session on November 22, 2006, entitled:

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for His Honor's appropriate action.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN
Secretary-General