

**Regional Assembly Bill No. 52**

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

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

**MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 209**

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

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENGINEERING DISTRICT  
IN THE PROVINCE OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN,  
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 Shariff Kabunsuan, which shall function and operate upon its organization.

**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, who shall be assisted by an Assistant District Engineer. They shall be appointed by the Regional Governor upon the recommendation of the DPWH-ARMM Secretary; subject to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations.

**Sec. 3.** - As established, the new engineering district shall also 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 authorized by law.

**Sec. 5.** - Except as may be provided by law, the district shall have under its jurisdiction the entire territorial area of the province of Shariff Kabunsuan.

**Sec. 6.** - Provisions of existing and relevant laws, rules and regulations not heretofore provided shall be supplementary to implement this Act.

**Sec. 7.** – Any employee of the Engineering District of Maguindanao may be allowed to transfer to the new engineering district in accordance with civil service laws rules and regulations.

Retiring employees shall enjoy all the rights and privileges as may be authorized by law.

**Sec. 8.** - The assets and liabilities of the Maguindanao Engineering District shall be divided between the two engineering districts, including appropriations and capital equipment, on a sixty and forty basis as may be determined through a joint committee.

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

**Sec. 10.** – If any provision or provisions of this Act shall be held illegal or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 11.** – All laws, orders and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 12.** - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**APPROVED.**

**PAISALIN P. TAGO**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on November 15, 2006.

**DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN**  
Secretary-General

**APPROVED:**

**DATU ZALDY UY AMPATUAN**  
Regional Governor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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December 21, 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 15, 2006, entitled:

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for His Honor’s appropriate action.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

**DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN**  
Secretary-General