

Regional Assembly Bill No. 53

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

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**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
(First Regular Session)

**[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 277]**

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

**AN ACT AMENDING MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT  
NUMBERED TWENTY FIVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 38, Chapter 2, Title Two, Book 1 of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25 is hereby amended, by inserting a paragraph, to read as follows:

“(a) In case of permanent incapacity of the Regional Vice Governor to perform his duties on account of physical or legal causes, or when he is on official leave of absence or on travel outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines, the Speaker of the Regional Assembly, or if there be none or in case of his permanent or temporary incapacity or refusal to assume office, the Regional Assembly shall, by majority vote, elect from among themselves one who shall exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Regional Vice Governor until the Regional Vice-Governor is elected and qualified in a special election called for the purpose.

SEC. 2. Section 41, Chapter 2, Title Two, Book 1 of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25 is hereby amended, by inserting additional paragraphs, to read as follows:

“(a) In case of temporary incapacity of the Regional Vice Governor to perform his duties on account of physical or legal causes, or when he is on official leave of absence or on travel outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines, the Speaker of the Regional Assembly, or if there be none or in case of his permanent or temporary incapacity or refusal to assume the office, a Member of the Assembly selected by and from among themselves, shall exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Regional Vice Governor. Upon the assumption of the

Speaker as Regional Vice Governor, an interim Speaker of the Regional Assembly shall be elected by the Members of the Assembly. When the temporary vacancy ends and the incumbent Regional Vice Governor returns, the Speaker of the Regional Assembly shall also ipso facto reassume his office as Speaker.”

“(b) In case of permanent incapacity of the Regional Vice-Governor to perform his duties on account of physical or legal causes, or when he is on official leave of absence or on travel outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines, the Speaker of the Regional Assembly, or if there be none or in case of his permanent or temporary incapacity or refusal to assume office, the Regional Assembly shall, by majority vote, elect from among themselves one who shall exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Regional Vice-Governor *for the duration of the incapacity.*”

“(c) Upon the assumption of the Speaker as Acting Regional Vice-Governor, the Regional Assembly shall elect an interim Speaker. After the incapacity has ceased and the Regional Vice-Governor has reassumed his office, the Speaker shall automatically reassume his position.”

SEC. 3. The subsequent paragraphs that are affected in sequence are hereby adjusted accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**APPROVED.**

**REJIE M. SAHALI-GENERALE**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on June 08, 2010.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ANSARUDDIN A. ADIONG**  
Acting Regional Governor  
Date: 06-15-10

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June 09, 2010

**HON. ANSARUDDIN A. ADIONG**  
Acting 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. 53**, which was passed by the Regional Assembly, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during its regular session on June 8, 2010, entitled:

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for His Honor's appropriate action.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

**DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN, Al Haj**  
Secretary-General