

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. 150**]

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

“AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU UNSAY OUT OF THE MOTHER MUNICIPALITY OF SHARIFF AGUAK IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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

SECTION 1. The Barangays of Macalag, Tuntungan, Bulayan, Pananget, Meta, Iganagampong, Maitumaig, Malangog, Pikeg and Pamalian in the Municipality of Shariff Aguak, are hereby separated from said mother municipality and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality in the Province of Maguindanao to be known as the Municipality of Datu Unsay.

SEC. 2. The seat of the municipal government of the Municipality of Datu Unsay shall be in Barangay Meta.

SEC. 3. The Municipality of Datu Unsay contains a land area of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine (9,539) hectares more or less, bounded as follows:

“ Beginning from the point of origin, Point 1, the line moves due Northeast bearing $02^{\circ}35'$ with a distance of 11,011 meters towards Point 2 along the Municipality of Talayan; thence, the line continues Northeast bearing $87^{\circ}50'$ for 9,316 meters to Point 3; thence, continues moving Northeast crossing the national highway bearing $50^{\circ}52'$ for 9,471 meters to Point 4 along the Municipality of Datu Piang; thence going Southeast bearing $11^{\circ}09'$ for 2,912 meters to Point 5; thence, due approximately

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Southwest 43°54' for 4,458 meters to point 6; thence, moving Southeast bearing 28°59' for 3,424 meters to Point 7; thence, continuing Southwest crossing the national highway bearing 86°05' for 4,445 meters to Point 8; thence, going Southwest along the Municipality of Shariff Aguak bearing 71°36' meters to Point 9; thence, the line moves due Northwest bearing 75°53' for 2,497 meters to Point 10; thence, continues moving Southwest bearing 00°24' for 4,100 meters to Point 11; thence, going Northeast bearing 87°00' for 4,200 meters to Point 12; thence, going Southeast bearing 02°35' for 3,550 meters to Point 13; thence, continuously moving Southwest along the Municipality of Ampatuan bearing 88°07' for 10,700 meters closing the traverse and going back to the point of origin, Point 1."

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 majority of the members of its Sangguniang Bayan.

SEC. 5. 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 Datu Unsay shall take effect when ratified and approved by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose.

SEC. 6. 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 the plebiscite who shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in the next regular 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. 7. 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.

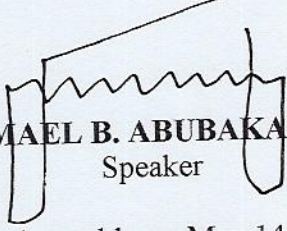
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SEC. 8. The expenses necessary in holding the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the Office of the Municipal Treasurer of the mother municipality or the Office of the Provincial Treasurer in the Province of Maguindanao, 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 local newspaper of regional and provincial circulation in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

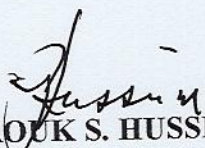
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ISMAEL B. ABUBAKAR, JR.
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on May 14, 2003.

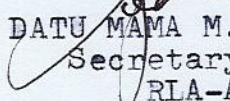

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PAROUK S. HUSSIN
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