

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

Begun and held in Cotabato City, the twenty-seventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Two.

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[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 20]

AN ACT CREATING THE CODE COMMISSION ON MUSLIM LAWS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Code Commission on Muslim Laws, hereinafter referred to as Commission, which shall codify Islamic laws and jurisprudence.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall be composed of a Chairman and two Members to be appointed by the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao from a list of twelve (12) nominees submitted by the Regional Legislative Assembly. The Chairman shall, subject to Civil Service Law, appoint such subordinate employees as may be necessary to carry out the task of the Commission.

SEC. 3. The Chairman and the Members of the Commission must be Muslim citizens of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, at least, forty (40) years of age, learned in Islamic laws and jurisprudence, preferably members of the Philippine Bar or Philippine Sharia Bar.

SEC. 4. Unless otherwise provided by the Regional Legislative Assembly, the annual compensation of the Chairman and the Members of the Commission shall be One Hundred Eighty Thousand Pesos (P180,000.00) and One Hundred Forty-four Pesos (P144,000.00), respectively. Without prejudices to any increase under the standardization law. They shall not receive during their tenure any other emoluments from the government: Provided, however, that if they are at the same time employed with the government receiving regular salaries and are not resigning from their government jobs, they shall serve without additional compensation.

SEC. 5. The Commission is empowered to call upon any official or employee of the regional government to assist or otherwise extend support to the Commission in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 6. The Commission shall complete and submit its work to the Regional Legislative Assembly within three (3) years from approval of this Act for enactment into law.

SEC. 7. Upon completion of its work and submission of the same to the Regional Legislative Assembly, the Commission shall cease to exist and the services of its Chairman and Members and all employees working under it shall terminate. All the records, documents, and proceeding of the Commissions shall be delivered to the library of the Regional Legislative Assembly for preservation. The other properties of the Commission shall be disposed of in accordance with auditing and accounting rules and regulations. The unexpended balance of its funds, if any, shall revert to the unappropriated general fund of the Regional Treasury.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. - Such amount as is necessary is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated local funds of the Regional Treasury for the initial operation of the Commission. Thereafter, its regular appropriation shall be included in the Regional Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. Any provision of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other provisions hereof as long as such remaining provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 10. All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED:

(SGD) ALI FANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on January 11, 1993.

(SGD) TOMMY A. ALA
Acting Secretary-General

APPROVED:

(SGD) ZACARIA A. CANDAO
Regional Governor
Date Feb. 2, 1993