

**Regional Assembly Bill No. 42**

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, two thousand six.

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
PANDAG IN THE PROVINCE OF  
MAGUINDANAO, PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

**Section 1.** - Barangays Malangit, Pandag, Lower Dilag, Upper Dilag, Kayaga, Kayupo, Kabuling and Lepak are hereby separated from the municipality of Buluan and constituted into a regular municipality, to be known as the Municipality of Pandag, which is hereby created, in the province of Maguindanao.

The seat of government shall be Barangay Malangit, which shall also be known hereafter as the poblacion.

**Sec. 2.** - The territorial jurisdiction of the new municipality of Pandag shall be bounded as follows:

LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1- 2	S24' 50E	4,500.00 M
3	S45' 06W	5,705.00 M
4	S40' 00W	2,000.07 M
5	N48' 17W	10,240.00 M
6	S84' 42W	3,730.24 M
7	N35' 00W	3,000.00 M
7-1	N55' 40W	20,000.00 M

**Sec. 3.** - The Municipality is a corporate entity with jurisdiction in all matters provided by Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25 and other pertinent existing laws.

**Sec. 4.** - The municipal government shall be composed of a Municipal Mayor, Municipal Vice-Mayor, and eight (8) members of the Sangguniang Bayan who shall be appointed by the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular local elections.

The Presidents of the Municipal Federation of Barangay Chairmen and Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan are ex-officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, who shall be elected in accordance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**Sec. 5.** - 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 positions in the career service shall be governed by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

**Sec. 6.** - The Municipality of Buluan shall provide financial assistance for the initial operation of the new Municipality of Pandag until its own share from the Internal Revenue Allotment shall have been determined and released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

**Sec. 7.** - The new municipality shall be entitled to an equitable share of the assets and properties, and shall share in the liabilities, of the original municipality at the time of its separation.

**Sec. 8.** - The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite, which shall be held within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, in the affected areas.

**Sec. 9.** - The expenses necessary in holding the plebiscite for the purpose shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the treasury of the Municipality of Buluan and/or the treasury of the Province of Maguindanao.

**Sec. 10.** - The creation of the Municipality of Pandag shall take effect when ratified by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose in the affected areas.

**Sec. 11.** - The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separate and in the event one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 12.** - All laws, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 13.** - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**APPROVED.**

**(SGD) PAISALIN P. TAGO**  
Speaker

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

**(SGD) DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN**  
Secretary-General

**APPROVED:**

**(SGD) DATU ZALDY PUTI UY AMPATUAN**  
Regional Governor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_