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REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
Cotabato City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(SECOND REGULAR SESSION)

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the  
Twenty Eight day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety  
Seven.

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MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 54

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MAMASAPANO IN THE PROVINCE OF  
MAGUINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. The Barangays of Bagumbong, Daladap, Dabenayan, Dasikil, Duguengen, Liab, Libutan, Linantangan, Lusay, Mamasapano, Manongkaling, Pagatin, Pidsandawan, Pimbalakan, Pusao, Sapakan, Tuka and Tukanalipao are hereby separated from the Municipality of Shariff Aguak in the Province of Maguindanao and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality in the same province to be known as the Municipality of Mamasapano.

Sec. 2. The seat of government of the Municipality of Mamasapano shall be in Barangay Mamasapano, which shall be known as the Poblacion.

Sec. 3. The Municipality of Mamasapano contains a land area of SEVENTY SIX POINT FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE (76.581) square kilometers, more or less, which shall be bounded as follows:

"Beginning at the point of intersection of Kabulnan River from upstream boundaries of Barangays Timbangan and Manongkaling and then following downstream in a general Southwesternly direction which is about 5,000 meters straight distance to corner-2 and the boundary point

between Barangay Manongkaling of Mamasapano and Barangay Mabundas of Shariff Aguak; thence, due North of about 3,500 meters to corner-3, the boundary point of Barangays Mamasapano, Dilembong and Duguengen; at the Northeast of some 1,800 meters to corner-4 indicating common boundary point of Duguengen and Tina; to corner-5 indicating common boundary point of Duguengen and Linantangan, which is Northwest; about 2,500 meters to corner-7, the common boundary point of Libutan, Pusao and Pagatin; in the Southwest, 2,700 meters to corner-9 showing the boundary point of Tina and Famalian; 6,600 meters to point-12 indicating the boundary point from Dabenayan and Pusao with Datu Piang municipality on the western bank of the Kabulnan River; due North showing the common boundary point of Mamasapano, Shariff Aguak and Datu Piang municipalities; in Northeasternly direction to point-12 indicating the boundary point of Dabenayan with Datu Piang municipality; and in a Southernly direction of about 8,700 meters straight distance to point-1, which is the point of beginning."

Sec. 4. 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. 5. 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. 6. 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 Law.

Sec. 7. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite, which shall be held at least sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, in the affected areas.

Sec. 8. The expenses in holding the plebiscite for the purpose shall be drawn out of any available funds in the Regional Treasury not otherwise appropriated and such available funds as may be necessary from the Office of the Municipal Treasurer of the mother municipality as may be determined by its Sangguniang Bayan.

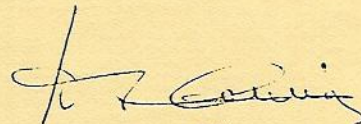
Sec. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED:




KABELAN G. SEMA  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on July 09, 1997.



WILSON S. ANNI  
Secretary

APPROVED:



PROF. NUR MISUARI  
Regional Governor  
Date: 08/11/97