

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

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(Fourth Regular Session)

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Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT 89]

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN
MASTURA 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 Balut, Bollok, Bongabong, Dagurungan, Kirkir, Macabiso, Namuken, Simuay Seashore, Solon, Tambo, Tapayan, Tarikan and Tuka in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao, are hereby separated from said municipality and constituted into a distinct and independent Municipality of Sultan Mastura.

SEC. 2. The seat of government of the Municipality of Sultan Mastura shall be in Barangay Tapayan to be known as Barangay Poblacion.

SEC. 3. The Municipality of Sultan Mastura contains a land area of ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO POINT NINE (142.09) square kilometers, more or less, which shall be bounded as follows:

"The point of origin, Point 1, is established on a point near the Simuay Bridge; thence the line moves northwest for 601 meters following the contour of the Simuay River towards Point 2; thence continuing northwest for 475 meters still following the river's contour to Point 3; thence moving southeast for 560 meters towards Point 4 marking the boundary between the Municipality of Sultan Mastura and the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat; thence due approximately 417 meters northwest to Point 5 along the banks of Simuay River; thence going 1,230 meters southwestward to Point 6 serving as the boundary line of Barangay Macabiso; thence continuing in the southwesterly direction for 2,380 meters traversing portions of the river and ending on point near a dirt road in Barangay Solon towards Point 7; thence moving northwest for 1,215 meters to Point 8 still along the Simuay River; thence going approximately 2,260 meters southwest veering away from

the river's cut-off channel to Point 9; thence going northwestward for 1,125 meters following the river's contour towards Point 10; thence moving northwest, 1,488 meters and passing through the cut-off channel to Point 11; thence moving approximately 1,995 meters northwest and ending on a point along Namuken Creek to Point 12; thence continuing northwest for 1,244 meters passing through a dirt road towards Point 13; thence moving in the same direction for 2,072 meters to Point 14 following the contour of the Illana Bay; thence going northeast for 5,259 meters towards Point 15 passing through Barangay Boliok and forming the boundary line between the municipalities of Sultan Mastura and Parang; thence moving southeast for 4,512 meters to Point 16 traversing Barangays Tambu and Tapayan; thence going northeast for 5,310 meters to Point 17 passing Barangay Balut and still forming the boundary between Sultan Mastura and Parang; thence going approximately 1,987 meters southeast for 3,049 meters to Point 19 traversing another dirt road and ending on a point along the Simuay River; thence going northwest for 747 meters towards Point 20 following the river's contour; thence continuing in the same direction for 937 meters to Point 21 ending on a point along the river; thence moving southwestward for 552 meters, to point 22; thence continuing southwest for approximately 643.20 meters, closing the traverse and ending on a point near the Simuay Bridge, back to the point of origin."

SEC. 4. Immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite, the Regional Governor shall appoint the mayor, vice-mayor and eight (8) members of the Sangguniang Bayan who shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in the next regular local 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 25, as amended, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations: Provided, That they shall exercise their duties and powers specified under Republic Act 6734, Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act 25, as amended, and other rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The corporate existence of Sultan Mastura municipality shall commence upon the appointment or election and qualification of its mayor and a majority of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SEC. 6. For the initial operation of Sultan Mastura municipality, such sums as are necessary shall be authorized to be appropriated by the Regional Government, the Provincial Government of Maguindanao and municipal government of Sultan Kudarat until the regular allocation from the national government shall have been released to the new municipality.

SEC. 7. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in the municipality directly affected within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 8. The expenses necessary in holding the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the Treasury of Sultan Kudarat municipality and/or the Treasury of the Province of Maguindanao, as may be determined by the Sangguniang Bayan and/or Sangguniang Panlalawigan, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.


SEC. 9. The creation of the Municipality of Sultan Mastura shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

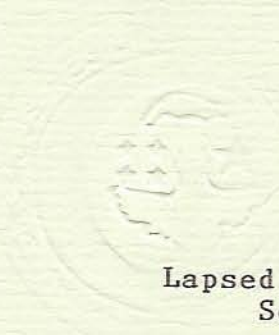
APPROVED:


KABILAN G. SEMA
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on September 13, 1999.


WILSON S. ANNI
Secretary-General

APPROVED:


PROF. NUR P. MISUARI
Regional Governor
Date: _____

Lapsed into law on November 13, 1999 pursuant to
Section 18, Article VII of Republic Act 6734.