



Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 53

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Thursday, the 15th day of September 2022.

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF NULING IN THE PROVINCE OF
MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – In the exercise of genuine autonomy and self-governance, the Bangsamoro Government is empowered to create, divide, merge, abolish, or substantially alter boundaries of municipalities or barangays in accordance with a law enacted by the Parliament. The municipalities or barangays created, divided, merged, or whose boundaries are substantially altered shall be entitled to their appropriate share in the national taxes or Internal Revenue Allotment: *Provided*, That it shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite in the political units directly affected.

SEC. 2. *Creation of Municipality.* – The Barangays of Matengen, Ladia, Pigcalagan, Alamada, Raguisi, Pinarang, Damaniog, Ibotegen, Banatin, Nara, Kakar, Katidtuan, Maidapa, Kapimpilan, Bulibod, Kabuntalan, Nalinan, Panatan, and Katamlangan are hereby separated from the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality to be known as Municipality of Nuling which is hereby created in the province of Maguindanao del Norte.

SEC. 3. *Seat of Government.* – The seat of government of the Municipality of Nuling shall be established in Barangay Pinarang which shall be known hereafter as the “*Poblacion.*”

SEC. 4. *Territorial Boundary.* – The territorial boundary of the new municipality shall follow the existing boundaries of the constituent barangays as enumerated in Section 2 hereof.

SEC. 5. *Plebiscite Requirement.* – The Municipality of Nuling shall acquire corporate existence upon ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the barangays comprising the municipality pursuant to Section 2 hereof within sixty (60) days after the approval of the Act.

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite. The expenditure in holding the plebiscite shall be taken from the Contingent Fund of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) under the appropriations of fiscal year 2024.

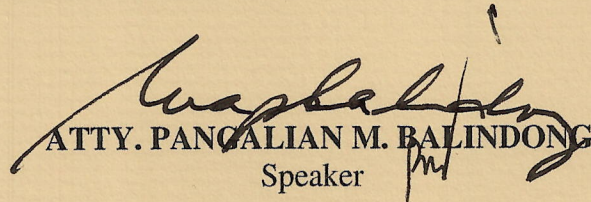
SEC. 6. Appointment of Municipal Officials. – The municipal government shall be composed of a municipal mayor, a municipal vice-mayor, and eight (8) members of its Sangguniang Bayan who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister of the BARMM immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular election: *Provided*, That the incumbent elective members of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, who are actual residents of the new municipality shall serve the remaining terms of the elective offices in the mother municipality.

SEC. 7. Financial Assistance Pending Entitlement to Internal Revenue Allotment. – The Bangsamoro Government shall appropriate and provide financial assistance for the administration and operation of the Municipal Government of Nuling in the amount of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP 2,500,000.00) every month until the new municipality shall have been allocated its share in the revenue allotment.

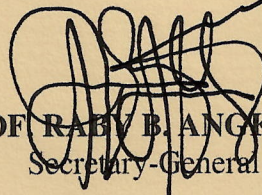
SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of the Republic Act No. 11054 or the “*Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao*”, the rest of the provisions thereof which are not affected shall be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders or regulations or any part thereof which may be contrary or inconsistent to this Act, except those that declare any part of this Act unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of the Republic Act No. 11054, are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or altered accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of regional circulation.


ATTY. PANGALIAM M. BALINDONG
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on *Jumada Al-Akhirah* 07, 1445/December 20, 2023.


PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Approved:


AHOD B. EBRAHIM
Chief Minister

Date: Dec. 26, 2023

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