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

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[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 13]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REGIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ACT FOR CY 1992 IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO.

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the Regional Public Works Act of 1992.

SECTION 2. Appropriation and Use of Funds. - The amount of Six Hundred Fifteen Million (P615,000,000.00) Pesos representing a portion of the Annual Assistance to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao as provided in Section 10 Article XIX of R.A. 6734 and authorized under the General Appropriations Act of 1992 is hereby appropriated for the construction of various infrastructure projects which may include new construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair and/or rehabilitation, inclusive of necessary feasibility studies, acquisition of right-of-way, sites, materials, supplies, and services to be used directly for the projects and project supervision and management.

- SECTION 3. Validity of Appropriations. The appropriations authorized in this Act shall continue to be in effect beyond 1992 until fully released, obligated and disbursed.
- SECTION 4. Allocation of Appropriations. The amount of Six Hundred Fifteen Million (P615,000,000.00) Pesos is hereby allocated to the different legislative districts based on proportionate sharing in conformance with regional development plans.
- SECTION 5. Program of Work. Before the actual implementation of every project covered in whole or in part by appropriations in this Act, approval of the program of work by the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, ARMM, or his duly authorized representative shall be necessary. The approved program of work shall serve as the basis for the implementation of the project and the corresponding expenditures of funds.
- SECTION 6. Project Implementation. The projects to be funded from appropriations authorized under this Act shall be implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and/or the local government units concerned in consultation with the project proponent either by administration, public bidding or negotiated contract, whichever is feasible.
- SECTION 7. Release of Funds. For proper implementation, supervision, and monitoring of the projects, the National Department of Budget and Management shall release the funds as follows:
 - a) Regional Impact Projects To the office of the Regional Governor.
 - b) Provincial Impact Projects To the office of the Provincial Governor.
 - c) District Impact Projects To the office of the Speaker of the Regional Legislative Assembly.

It is understood however, that the projects shall be implemented either by the DPWH and/or the Local Government Units as provided for under Section 6 hereof.

- SECTION 8. Priority Projects to be Funded. Based on the development policies and strategies of the Autonomous Region the following infrastructure projects within the region shall be funded:
 - 8.1 Vital road links connecting the provinces including improvement and rehabilitation of bridges;
 - 8.2 Construction, improvement, and rehabilitation of feeder roads linking the rural areas in the countryside to the Regional centers;
 - 8.3 Construction and upgrading of coastal roads leading towards the mainland areas;
 - 8.4 Construction of facilities such as communication, light and water;
 - 8.5 Construction/Upgrading of airports, ports, rock causeways and fishlandings; and
 - 8.6 Construction of buildings, multi-purpose centers, barangay halls and other basic facilities.

SECTION 9. Monitoring and Acceptance of Projects. - All projects funded out of the herein mentioned Annual Assistance Fund shall be monitored by the Regional Governor and the Speaker of the Regional Legislative Assembly or their duly authorized representatives. Same projects shall be accepted by the "end-user" upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the DPWH, ARMM or his duly authorized representatives.

SECTION 10. Specific Projects and Corresponding Allocations. - To ensure the specific, speedy and proper utilization of the Annual Assistance funds, listing of said projects, their location and funding requirements are hereby contained in an attached Annex "A" which shall form part of this Act.

SECTION 11. Project Realignment. - The Regional Governor is hereby authorized to realign projects funded out of the Six Hundred Fifteen Million (P615,000,000.00) Pesos Annual Assistance Fund upon the recommendation of the proponent subject to the approval of the majority of the members of the Regional Legislative Assembly. Furthermore, realignment shall be made only within the municipality to which said project was originally proposed to be implemented in the case of district and provincial impact projects and within the province concerned in the case of regional impact project. Provided finally, that such realignment shall be in the same project category and the amount shall not exceed the original amount. Projects may be realigned only on any of the following grounds:

- When the peace and order condition in the proposed project sites does not warrant implementation;
- When the project is not feasible as shown by the feasibility study conducted thereon;
- 3. When by the occurrence of a fortuitous event, it would render implementation impractical at the proposed project site; or
- 4. When there is duplicity in the funding of a proposed project as when a proposed project is already adequately funded from other sources.

SECTION 12. Reports. - The Secretary of Public Works and Highways, ARMM, shall submit to the Regional Governor and the Speaker of the Regional Legislative Assembly, quarterly and annual accomplishment reports for projects covered by appropriations in this Act, which shall include the appropriations released on the same period, any changes on the project and any recommendation for additional appropriations or changes thereof.

SECTION 13. Separability. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining valid provisions shall remain in force.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED:

ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on July 13, 1992.

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APPROVED:

ZACARDAVA. CANDAO Regional Governor Date: 7/1/92