

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

Second Regular Session

Parliament Bill No. 135
(Cabinet Bill)



Introduced by:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUGUNAN,
APPROPRIATING 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.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Municipality. The Barangays of Balong, Bualan, Lagunde, Macabual, Manaulanan, Pamalian and Panicupan, in the municipality of Pikit; and Barangay Tapodoc, in the municipality of Aleosan which petitioned and voted to be included in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in the 2019 plebiscite, are hereby separated from their respective municipalities. As such, said barangays are constituted into a distinct and independent municipality to be known as the Municipality of Tugunan, Special Geographic Areas of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

SECTION 3. Seat of Government. The seat of government of the Municipality of Tugunan shall be established in Barangay Manaulanan.

SECTION 4. Territorial Boundary. The territorial boundary of the new municipality shall follow the existing boundaries of the constituent barangays as above enumerated.

SECTION 5. *Plebiscite Requirement.* The Municipality of Tugunan 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.

SECTION 6. *Conduct of Plebiscite.* The Commission on Election, through the Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite. The expenses in holding the plebiscite shall be taken out of the available funds of the Commission on Elections under the current fiscal year appropriations.

SECTION 7. *Appointment of Municipal Officials.* The first mayor, vice-mayor and the eight (8) members of the Sangguniang Bayan of the new municipality shall be appointed by the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected in the next general elections for local officials, and shall have qualified: *Provided*, That the incumbent elective members of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipalities of Pikit and Aleosan who are actual residents of the new municipality shall serve the remaining terms of their elective offices in their respective mother municipalities.

SECTION 8. *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 Tugunan in the amount of not less than TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 2,500,000.00) every month until such time as the new municipality shall have been allocated its share in the internal revenue allotment.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11054, the rest of the provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. *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 Bangsamoro Organic Law, are hereby repealed, amended, modified or altered accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity of the Law.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of regional circulation.

APPROVED, _____


HON. AHOD B. EBRAHIM
Chief Minister

Annex 1a. Barangays covered by the Municipality of Tugunan, their original mother municipality, and respective land area, population and annual income as of 2020.

Covered Barangays	Municipality of Origin	Land Area (sq. km.)	Population	Annual Income (Php)
1. Bualan	Pikit	14.2567	2,177	3,226,634.31
2. Lagunde	Pikit	8.4282	5,332	4,546,224.08
3. Panicupan	Pikit	10.6350	2,357	3,109,967.11
4. Manaulanan	Pikit	15.6170	7,632	8,514,670.55
5. Balong	Pikit	19.7163	3,573	4,107,387.01
6. Pamalian	Pikit	8.2347	3,256	3,942,928.36
7. Makabual	Pikit	16.4816	4,557	4,810,532.67
8. Tapodoc	Aleoson	9.2347	1,767	4,831,928.36
Total		102.6042	30,651	37,090,272.45

Annex 1b. Map of the Municipality of Tugunan.

