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

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Second Parliament  
*First Regular Session*

Parliament Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cabinet Bill)

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Introduced by:

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE  
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF  
MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AMENDING BOOK 1, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE  
BAA NO. 13, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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**SECTION 1. Short Title** – This Act shall be known as the “Seat of Government Act of 2023.”

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**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – In the exercise of its right to self-governance, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is free to pursue its political, economic, social, and cultural development. It has the power to create offices and organize its own bureaucracy to ensure efficient and effective delivery of government programs and services.

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**SECTION 3. Establishing the Seat of Government of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.** – The seat of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall be established in the Municipality of Parang in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte where the Bangsamoro Government Center shall be built.

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The Bangsamoro Government Center shall be the new location of the following offices:

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- a) Office of the Wali;
  - b) Office of the Chief Minister;
  - c) The Bangsamoro Parliament;
  - d) Ministries, Offices, Agencies; and
  - e) Other facilities.

1           **SECTION 4. Exclusion of the Bangsamoro Government Center from the Control**  
2 **of the Local Government Unit.** – Pursuant to the power of the Parliament to create, divide,  
3 merge, abolish or substantially alter boundaries of municipalities or barangays within the  
4 autonomous region, it is hereby declared that the location of the Bangsamoro Government  
5 Center within the Municipality of Parang is autonomous from the local government unit and  
6 will be directly under the control and supervision of the regional government. To ensure  
7 smooth transition, consultations and dialogues with the local government unit concerned and  
8 other stakeholders shall be conducted.

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10           **SECTION 5. Committee on the Establishment of the Seat of Government of the**  
11 **BARMM (CESG).** – There is hereby established a Committee on the Establishment of the  
12 Seat of Government of the BARMM, chaired by the Senior Minister and composed of the  
13 following members, namely: the Minister of Finance, and Budget and Management; the  
14 Minister of Public Works; the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; the  
15 Minister of Transportation and Communications, the Chairperson of the Bangsamoro  
16 Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, and the Director-General of the  
17 Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority. Civil Society Organizations  
18 representatives shall be invited as observers in the proceedings of the CESG.

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20           The Committee shall lead and organize the preparation, development and  
21 implementation of masterplans, strategies, processes and timetable that will provide the  
22 framework towards the development of the seat of government of the BARMM in the  
23 Municipality of Parang. It shall also conduct consultations with concerned local government  
24 units and other stakeholders.

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26           The Committee shall immediately convene within thirty (30) days upon the effectivity  
27 of this Act. It shall cease to exist upon completion and full implementation of the objectives of  
28 this Act, which shall not exceed ten (10) years unless further extended by the Parliament.

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30           **SECTION 6. Transfer.** – The actual physical transfer of the seat of government from  
31 Cotabato City to the Municipality of Parang shall proceed in a gradual manner upon the  
32 completion of required infrastructure, such as, office buildings, roads, light and power, water,  
33 communication, and other necessary facilities.

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35           **SECTION 7. Preservation and Improvement of Existing Structures in the Current**  
36 **Bangsamoro Government Center.** – The infrastructure, buildings, and other facilities in the  
37 existing government center in Cotabato City shall be improved in order to sustain their  
38 usefulness for government operations and preserve their historical value.

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40           **SECTION 8. Appropriations.** – For its first year, the amount of fifty million pesos (P  
41 50,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated for the use of the CESG to implement the  
42 provisions of this Act including the crafting of the necessary master plan. For the succeeding  
43 fiscal years until its cessation, the CESG through the Office of the Chief Minister shall include  
44 the amounts necessary for its operation in the implementation of this Act in the General  
45 Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

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47           Other funding sources such as foreign grants, aids and donations, may also be made  
48 available for the implementation of this Act subject to existing guidelines of the Inter-  
49 Governmental Fiscal Policy Board.

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1           **SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days from  
2 the effectivity of this Act, the Committee, in consultation with appropriate government  
3 agencies and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations and other  
4 issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

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6           **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid  
7 or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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9           **SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative  
10 orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are  
11 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified  
12 accordingly.

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14           **SECTION 12 Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
15 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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22           *Chief Minister*