

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 85]

"AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL CODE COMMISSION,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. - There is hereby created a Code Commission in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) which shall be under the supervision of the Regional Governor.

SEC. 2. Authority and Function.- In pursuit of its mandate, the Commission shall have the following authority and functions:

- a. To conduct researches on Islamic laws and jurisprudence (fiqh) and other indigenous and customary laws within and outside the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;
- b. To sponsor and attend conferences, seminars and workshops on Islamic laws and jurisprudence and/or indigenous and customary laws;

- c. To compile and codify Islamic laws and jurisprudence (fiqh) as well as indigenous and customary laws, scientifically arranged into books, titles, and chapters for submission to the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA) for enactment into regional laws;
- d. To call upon any officer and personnel of the Autonomous Regional Government for assistance should it be necessary to carry out its mandates;
- e. To seek any assistance with the consent of the Regional Legislative Assembly from national and foreign agencies to augment its requirements; and
- f. To perform such other related functions and duties as the Regional Legislative Assembly may direct.

SEC. 3. Composition and Qualifications. - The Commission shall be composed of a chairman and two commissioners (one of whom must represent the Tribal people) to be appointed by the Regional Governor from a list of seven nominees submitted by the RLA, with the following qualifications;

- a. At least five (5) years residence in the ARMM at the time of appointment and at least forty (40) years of age;
- b. Graduate of at least four-year college degree in a prestigious school in the Philippines and/or abroad, provided that a majority of them including the Chairman shall be members of Philippine Bar or Shari'ah Bar; and
- c. Must be fluent in English language, both written and oral.

SEC. 4. Compensation.- Without prejudice to increases as may be provided by law, the compensation of the chairman and commissioners shall be ₱180,000.00 per annum and ₱168,000.00 per annum, respectively, plus authorized benefits and allowances.

SEC. 5. Term of Office.- The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be three years without reappointment, unless sooner removed or replaced by the Regional Governor for just and valid cause.

SEC. 6. Appointment of Personnel.- The chairman of the Commission shall appoint subordinate employees subject to Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

The Commission shall lay out a proposed plantilla of personnel to be approved by the Regional Governor.

SEC. 7. Reporting. - The Commission shall submit its progressive reports and other accomplishments to the Regional Governor every quarter, copy furnished the RLA Speaker, provided that the actual codification shall be completed within three (3) years upon the approval of this Act.

SEC. 8. Office.- The Commission shall hold office in the seat of the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 9. Appropriation.- The amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated as initial funding of the Commission. Thereafter, the annual budget of the Commission shall be included in the regular budgetary program of the ARMM.

SEC. 10. Transitory Provision. - The personnel of the defunct Code Commission on Muslim Laws shall enjoy preference of appointment upon organization of the Commission.

All properties, money, assets, books, office supply, and equipment of the defunct Code Commission on Muslim Laws shall be accounted and transferred to the new office provided herein.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause.- If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Code shall be considered unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be held in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause.- All regional laws, executive orders, rules and regulation inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

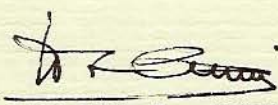
SEC. 13. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED.



KABILAN G. SEMA
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on June 10, 1999.



WILSON S. ANNI
Secretary General

APPROVED:

PROF. NUR P. MISUARI
Regional Governor
Date _____

Lapsed into law on August 07, 1999 pursuant to
Section 18, Article VII of Republic Act 6734.