

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8127



Introduced by **HON. ZAJID G. MANGUDADATU**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a municipality in the Province of Maguindanao, to be known as the Municipality of Pandag which shall be composed of eight barangays, namely: Kabuling, Kayaga, Kayupo, Lepak, Lower D'lag, Malangit, Pandag and Upper D'lag.

The Municipality of Pandag was originally created in November 27, 2006 through Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 203 of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao.

However, the municipality was created pursuant to the provisions of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the ARMM, which has lower standards than that prescribed by Republic Act No. 7160, and rendered the municipality unqualified for entitlement to a share in the allotment.

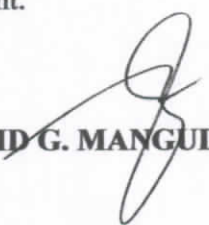
According to the 2015 Census of Population conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority with August 1, 2015 as reference date, the Municipality has a population of 25, 057 residents in a land area of more or less, 85, 531 hectares, rendering it qualified to a share in the internal revenue allotment (IRA).

For more than a decade of existence without an internal revenue allotment, the Municipality of Pandag has continuously demonstrated improvement and growth in terms of its performance in local governance and delivery of basic services, even surpassing the performance with that of other municipalities in the Region who are receiving IRA.

This can be evidenced by the confidence exhibited by the substantial investments made by large corporations like DOLE Philippines and La Frutera in the Municipality, and the recognitions it received from various agencies.

The people of Pandag deserve all the assistance and services from its government to improve and develop their social and economic condition, and with its creation, and its expected shares in the Internal Revenue Allotment and in the local and real property taxes, the local Government of Pandag will be able to effectively and efficiently deliver basic services, and to chart its own development programs and goals to promote public health, safety, environmental, social and general welfare.

For the people of Pandag, who for the longest time have been clamouring to be treated as equals, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPALITY TO BE KNOWN AS MUNICIPALITY OF
PANDAG IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Creation of Municipality of Pandag. – There is hereby created a municipality to be known as Municipality of Pandag in the Province of Maguindanao.

SECTION 2. Seat of Municipal Government. The seat of government of the new municipality shall be in Barangay Malangit

SECTION 3. Territorial Boundaries. The Municipality of Pandag with a total land area of eight thousand five hundred thirty-one point forty-three (8,531.43) hectares, shall be composed of Barangays Pandag, Kabuling, Kayaga, Kayupo, Lepak, Malangit, Lower D'lag and Upper D'lag, all in the Province of Maguindanao and is particularly described as follows:

LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1-2	S24' 50E	4,500.00 m
3	S45' 06W	5,705.00 m
4	S40' 00W	2,000.07 m
5	N48' 17W	10,240.00 m
6	S84' 42W	3,730.24 m
7	N35' 00W	3,000.00 m
7 -1	N55'40W	20,000.00 m

SECTION 4. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 203 of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao, which enacted the creation of the Municipality of Pandag on November 22, 2006 and ratified on December 30, 2006 shall serve as a substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SECTION 5. Incumbent Municipal Officials. – The incumbent municipal officials of the Municipality of Pandag, Province of Maguindanao shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. – All public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new municipality.

SECTION 7. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. – The Municipality of Pandag shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,


ZAID G. MANGUDADATU