

**[ BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 15, January 03, 1979 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PONOT, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE.**

*Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:*

SECTION 1. *The Name of the Municipality.*—There shall be created the Municipality of Ponot, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, out of the southwestern barangays of the Municipality of Manukan, Zamboanga del Norte, namely: Ponot, Manawan, Dinasan, Tamil, Tabon, Lopero and Madalag. The seat of the Municipal Government shall be in Barangay Ponot.

SEC. 2. *The Technical Description of the Municipal Territory.*—The technical description of the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Ponot shall be, beginning from the mouth of Disakan River; thence following Disakan River upstream until it intersects latitude eight degrees and twenty-two minutes ( $8^{\circ} - 22'$ ); thence due east until it reaches Dohinob Dacu River; thence following Dohinob Dacu River upstream until it intersects longitude one hundred twenty-three degrees and ten minutes ( $123^{\circ}-10'$ ) ; thence due south until it intersects latitude eight degrees and seventeen minutes ( $8^{\circ}-17'$ ); thence due west until it intersects longitude one hundred twenty-three degrees and four minutes ( $123^{\circ}-04'$ ); thence running in straight line on a northwestern direction following the existing municipal boundary between the Municipalities of Manukan and Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, until it reaches the shoreline; thence following the shoreline on a northeastern direction until it reaches the mouth of Disakan River, the point of beginning. (Technical description is part of the record.)

SEC. 3. *The Municipal Government Officials, their qualifications and salaries.*—The qualifications, salaries, compensations or emoluments of the municipal government officials of Ponot shall be those provided for and fixed by existing law.

SEC. 4. *Appointment of Municipal Government Officials.* —After ratification by the majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite to be conducted in the area or areas affected within a period of ninety days after the approval of this Act, the President (Prime Minister) shall appoint the Mayor and other officials of the new Municipality of Ponot.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*—This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, January 3, 1979.



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