Public Law 247

An Act

To require the recordation of scrip, lieu selection, and similar rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any owner of, and any person claiming rights to, Valentine scrip, issued under the Act of April 5, 1872 (17 Stat. 649) ; Sioux Half-Breed scrip, issued under the Act of July 17, 1854 (10 Stat. 304) ; Supreme Court scrip, issued under the Acts of June 22, 1860 (12 Stat. 85), March 2, 1867
(14 Stat. 544), and June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 378); Surveyor-General scrip, issued under the Act of June 2, 1858 (11 Stat. 294); a soldier's additional homestead right, granted by sections 2306 and 2307 of the Revised Statutes; a forest lieu selection right, assertable under the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1264); a lieu selection right conferred by the Act of July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597); a bounty land warrant issued under the Act of March 3, 1855 (10 Stat. 701); or any lieu selection or scrip right or bounty land warrant, or right in the nature of scrip issued under any Act of Congress not enumerated herein (except the indemnity selection rights of any State, or the Territory of Alaska), shall, within two years from the effective date of this Act, present his holdings or claim for recordation by the Department of the Interior.

Sec. 2. In the case of a transfer after the effective date of this Act, by assignment, inheritance, operation of law, or otherwise of a holding or claim of any right recorded under this Act, the holding or claim of right so transferred shall be presented to the Department of the Interior within six months after such transfer, for recordation by it; except that where such transfer occurs within the period of two years from the effective date of this Act and the prior owner has not complied with provisions of this Act, the owner or claimant by transfer shall have the remainder of such period or a period of six months, whichever is the longer, within which to present his claims or holdings for recordation.

Sec. 3. There shall be endorsed on the evidence of the right or warrant each recordation thereof.

Sec. 4. Claims or holdings not presented for recordation, as prescribed herein, shall not thereafter be accepted by the Secretary of the Interior for recordation or as a basis for the acquisition of lands.

Sec. 5. Within thirty days after the effective date of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be published in the Federal Register a notice setting forth the recordation requirements of this Act. Within one year after the effective date of this Act the Secretary shall also cause notices of the recordation requirements of this Act to be published in such newspapers, posted in such public offices, and given publicity by such other means as he deems feasible and appropriate for the dissemination of information concerning the recordation requirements of this Act to persons who may have holdings or claims that are subject to such requirements.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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