Public Law 921 CHAPTER 881

AN ACT

August 2, 1956
[S. 3968]

To provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Peoria Tribe of Indians in the State of Oklahoma and the individual members thereof, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the purpose of this Act is to provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the affairs of the Peoria Tribe of Indians located in northeastern Oklahoma and the individual members thereof, and for a termination of Federal services furnished to such Indians because of their status as Indians.

Indians, Peoria Tribe.
Federal supervision terminated.

SEC. 2. All restrictions on the sale or encumbrance of trust or restricted land owned by members of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma (including allottees, heirs, and devisees, either adult or minor), regardless of where the land is located, are hereby removed three years after the date of this Act, and the patents or deeds under which titles are then held shall pass the titles in fee simple subject to any valid encumbrance. The titles to all interests in trust or restricted land acquired by members of the tribe by devise or inheritance three years or more after the date of this Act shall vest in such members in fee simple, subject to any valid encumbrance.

Restrictions removed on sale of land.

SEC. 3. (a) The Federal trust relationship to the affairs of the Peoria Tribe and its members shall terminate three years after the date of this Act, and thereafter individual members of the tribe shall not be entitled to any of the services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians, all statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians (including the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), and the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378)) shall no longer be applicable to the members of the tribe, and the laws of the several States shall apply to the tribe and its members in the same manner as they apply to other citizens or persons within their jurisdiction.

25 USC 501.
25 USC 462.
25 USC 478a.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall affect the status of the members of the tribe as citizens of the United States.

(c) Prior to the termination of the Federal trust relationship in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to undertake, within the limits of available appropriations, a special program of education and training designed to help the members of the tribe to earn a livelihood, to conduct their own affairs, and to assume their responsibilities as citizens without special services because of their status as Indians. Such program may include language training, orientation in non-Indian community customs and living standards, vocational training and related subjects, transportation to the place of training or instruction. For the purposes of such program, the Secretary is authorized to enter into contracts or agreements with any Federal, State, or local governmental agency, corporation, association, or person. Nothing in this section shall preclude any Federal agency from undertaking any other program for the education and training of Indians with funds appropriated to it.

Training program.

SEC. 4. (a) Effective when all claims of the tribe that are now pending before the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Claims have been finally adjudicated, the corporate charter issued pursuant to the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), as amended, is hereby revoked.

Corporate charter revoked.

Powers of Secretary terminated.

(b) Effective when all claims of the tribe that are now pending before the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Claims have been finally adjudicated, all powers of the Secretary of the Interior or other officer of the United States to take, review, or approve any action under the constitution and bylaws of the tribe are hereby terminated. Any powers conferred upon the tribe by such constitution which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby terminated. Such termination shall not affect the power of the tribe to take any action under its constitution and bylaws that is consistent with this Act without the participation of the Secretary or other officer of the United States.

Roll of members.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall affect any claims heretofore filed against the United States by the Peoria Tribe.

SEC. 6. The Peoria Tribe shall have a period of six months from the date of this Act in which to prepare and submit to the Secretary a proposed roll of the members of the tribe living on the date of this Act, which shall be published in the Federal Register. The proposed roll shall be prepared in accordance with eligibility requirements prescribed in the tribe's constitution and bylaws. If the tribe fails to submit such roll within the time specified in this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a proposed roll for the tribe, which shall be published in the Federal Register. Any person claiming membership rights in the tribe or any interest in its assets, or a representative of the Secretary on behalf of any such person, may, within sixty days from the date of publication of the proposed roll, file an appeal with the Secretary contesting the inclusion or omission of the name of any person on or from such roll. The Secretary shall review such appeals and his decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive. After disposition of all such appeals by the Secretary, the roll of the tribe shall be published in the Federal Register, and such roll shall be final for the purposes of this Act.

Publication in FR.

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 922 CHAPTER 882

August 2, 1956
[S. 3259]

AN ACT

To amend the Act to promote the education of the blind, approved March 3, 1879, as amended, so as to authorize wider distribution of books and other special instructional material for the blind, to increase the appropriations authorized for this purpose, and for other purposes.

Education of the blind.
20 Stat. 468.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the paragraph of section 102 of the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (20 U. S. C. 102), labeled "First" is amended to read as follows:

Expenditure of appropriation.

"First. Such appropriation shall be expended by the trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind each year in manufacturing and furnishing books and other materials specially adapted for instruction of the blind; and the total amount of such books and other materials so manufactured and furnished by such appropriation shall each year be distributed among all the public institutions, in the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, in which blind pupils are educated. Each public institution for the education of the blind shall receive, in books and other materials, upon requisition of its superintendent, that portion of the appropriation as is shown by the ratio between the number of blind pupils in that institution and the total number of blind pupils in all of the public institutions in which blind pupils are educated. Each chief State school officer