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An Act

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Authorizing the Wichita Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, and its affiliated bands and groups of Indians, to file with the Indian Claims Commission any of their claims against the United States for lands taken without adequate compensation, and for other purposes.

Wichita Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. Claims against the U.S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding sections 2401 and 2501 of title 28, United States Code, and section 12 of the Act of August 13, 1946, as amended (60 Stat. 1049, 1052; 25 U.S.C. 70k), jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Indian Claims Commission under section 2 of the Act of August 13, 1946, as amended (60 Stat. 1049, 1050; 25 U.S.C. 70a), to hear, determine, and render judgment on any claims the Wichita Indian Tribe and its affiliated bands and groups (namely, the Wichita, Keechi, Tawakonie, and Waco) have against the United States with respect to any lands or interests therein which were held by aboriginal title or otherwise, which were acquired from such tribe, bands, or groups without payment of adequate compensation by the United States: *Provided,* That no affiliated band or group may bring a claim not held in common with the Wichita Indian Tribe. Any claim filed hereunder with the Indian Claims Commission shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of October 8, 1976 (90 Stat. 1990), relating to the transfer of cases to the Court of Claims. Any party to any action under this Act shall have the right of review with respect to any decision of the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Claims under section 20 of the Act of August 13, 1946, as amended (60 Stat. 1049, 1054; 25 U.S.C. 70s).

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