

the members were residing upon a reservation as defined in that Act.

(Pub. L. 103-323, § 8, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2154.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95-608, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3069, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 21 (§1901 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1901 of this title and Tables.

§ 1300j-7a. Membership list

(a) List of members as of September 1994

Not later than 120 days after September 21, 1994, the Band shall submit to the Secretary a list of all individuals who, as of September 21, 1994, were members of the Band.

(b) List of individuals eligible for membership

(1) In general

Not later than 18 months after September 21, 1994, the Band shall submit to the Secretary a membership roll that contains the names of all individuals eligible for membership in the Band. The Band, in consultation with the Secretary, shall determine whether an individual is eligible for membership in the Band on the basis of provisions in the governing documents of the Band that determine the qualifications for inclusion in the membership roll of the Band.

(2) Publication of notice

At such time as the roll has been submitted to the Secretary, the Secretary shall immediately publish in the Federal Register a notice of such roll.

(3) Maintenance of roll

The Band shall ensure that the roll is maintained and kept current.

(Pub. L. 103-323, § 9, as added Pub. L. 103-435, § 20(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4574; amended Pub. L. 104-109, § 1, Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 763.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9 of Pub. L. 103-323 was renumbered section 10 and is classified to section 1300j-8 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-109, § 1(1), (2), substituted “Band” for “Bands” in two places and struck out “respective” after “members of the”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104-109, § 1(1), (3)(A), substituted “Band shall submit” for “Bands shall submit”, “a membership roll that contains” for “membership rolls that contain”, “membership in the Band” for “membership in such Bands”, and “The Band” for “Each such Band”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 104-109, § 1(3)(B), substituted “roll has” for “rolls have” and “such roll” for “such rolls”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 104-109, § 1(1), (3)(C), (D), substituted “roll” for “rolls” in heading and substituted “Band shall ensure that the roll is maintained” for “Bands shall ensure that the rolls are maintained” in text.

§ 1300j-8. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term “Band” means the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians;

(2) the term “member” means those individuals eligible for enrollment in the Band pursuant to section 1300j-3 of this title; and

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 103-323, § 10, formerly § 9, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2155; renumbered § 10, Pub. L. 103-435, § 20(1), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4574.)

SUBCHAPTER LXXXII—LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS; LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

§ 1300k. Findings

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians are descendants of, and political successors to, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit.

(2) The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the Bay Mills Band of Chippewa Indians, whose members are also descendants of the signatories to the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit, have been recognized by the Federal Government as distinct Indian tribes.

(3) The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians consists of at least 1,000 eligible members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Little Traverse Reservation in the 1836 Treaty of Washington and 1855 Treaty of Detroit, which area is now known as Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, Michigan.

(4) The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians consists of at least 500 eligible members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Manistee Reservation in the 1836 Treaty of Washington and reservation in the 1855 Treaty of Detroit, which area is now known as Manistee and Mason Counties, Michigan.

(5) The Bands filed for reorganization of their existing tribal governments in 1935 under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.; commonly referred to as the “Indian Reorganization Act”). Federal agents who visited the Bands, including Commissioner of Indian Affairs, John Collier, attested to the continued social and political existence of the Bands and concluded that the Bands were eligible for reorganization. Due to a lack of Federal appropriations to implement the provisions of such Act, the Bands were denied the opportunity to reorganize.

(6) In spite of such denial, the Bands continued their political and social existence with viable tribal governments. The Bands, along with other Michigan Odawa/Ottawa groups, including the tribes described in paragraph (2), formed the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association in 1948. The Association subsequently pursued a successful land claim with the Indian Claims Commission.

(7) Between 1948 and 1975, the Bands carried out many of their governmental functions through the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association, while retaining individual Band control over local decisions.

(8) In 1975, the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association petitioned under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.; commonly referred to as the "Indian Reorganization Act"), to form a government on behalf of the Bands. Again in spite of the Bands' eligibility, the Bureau of Indian Affairs failed to act on their request.

(9) The United States Government, the government of the State of Michigan, and local governments have had continuous dealings with the recognized political leaders of the Bands from 1836 to the present.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §2, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2156.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Reorganization Act, referred to in pars. (5) and (8), is act June 18, 1934, ch. 576, 48 Stat. 984, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter V (§461 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 103-324 provided that: "This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Act.'"

§ 1300k-1. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term "Bands" means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians;

(2) the term "member" means those individuals enrolled in the Bands pursuant to section 1300k-5 of this title; and

(3) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §3, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2157.)

§ 1300k-2. Federal recognition

(a) Federal recognition

Federal recognition of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is hereby reaffirmed. All laws and regulations of the United States of general application to Indians or nations, tribes, or bands of Indians, including the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.; commonly referred to as the "Indian Reorganization Act"), which are not inconsistent with any specific provision of this subchapter shall be applicable to the Bands and their members.

(b) Federal services and benefits

(1) In general

The Bands and their members shall be eligible for all services and benefits provided by the Federal Government to Indians because of their status as federally recognized Indians, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, such services and benefits shall be provided after September 21, 1994, to the Bands and their members without regard to the existence of a reservation or the location of the residence of any member on or near any Indian reservation.

(2) Service areas

(A) Little Traverse Bay Bands

For purposes of the delivery of Federal services to the enrolled members of the Lit-

tle Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the area of the State of Michigan within 70 miles of the boundaries of the reservations for the Little Traverse Bay Bands as set out in Article I, paragraphs "third" and "fourth" of the Treaty of 1855, 11 Stat. 621, shall be deemed to be within or near a reservation, notwithstanding the establishment of a reservation for the tribe after September 21, 1994. Services may be provided to members outside the named service area unless prohibited by law or program regulations.

(B) Little River Band

For purposes of the delivery of Federal services to enrolled members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Counties of Manistee, Mason, Wexford and Lake, in the State of Michigan, shall be deemed to be within or near a reservation, notwithstanding the establishment of a reservation for the tribe after September 21, 1994. Services may be provided to members outside the named Counties unless prohibited by law or program regulations.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §4, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2157.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Reorganization Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 18, 1934, ch. 576, 48 Stat. 984, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter V (§461 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

§ 1300k-3. Reaffirmation of rights

(a) In general

All rights and privileges of the Bands, and their members thereof, which may have been abrogated or diminished before September 21, 1994, are hereby reaffirmed.

(b) Existing rights of Bands

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to diminish any right or privilege of the Bands, or of their members, that existed prior to September 21, 1994. Except as otherwise specifically provided in any other provision of this subchapter, nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as altering or affecting any legal or equitable claim the Bands might have to enforce any right or privilege reserved by or granted to the Bands which were wrongfully denied to or taken from the Bands prior to September 21, 1994.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §5, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 104-109, §2(a), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 763.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-109 substituted "Bands" for "Tribe" in heading.

§ 1300k-4. Transfer of land for benefit of Bands

(a) Little Traverse Bay Bands

The Secretary shall acquire real property in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties for the benefit of the Little Traverse Bay Bands. The Secretary shall also accept any real property located in those Counties for the benefit of the Little Traverse Bay Bands if conveyed or otherwise trans-

ferred to the Secretary, if at the time of such acceptance, there are no adverse legal claims on such property including outstanding liens, mortgages or taxes owed.

(b) Little River Band

The Secretary shall acquire real property in Manistee and Mason Counties for the benefit of the Little River Band. The Secretary shall also accept any real property located in those Counties for the benefit of the Little River Band if conveyed or otherwise transferred to the Secretary, if at the time of such acceptance, there are no adverse legal claims on such property including outstanding liens, mortgages or taxes owed.

(c) Additional lands

The Secretary may accept any additional acreage in each of the Bands' service area specified by section 1300k-2(b) of this title pursuant to his authority under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.; commonly referred to as the "Indian Reorganization Act").

(d) Reservation

Subject to the conditions imposed by this section, the land acquired by or transferred to the Secretary under or pursuant to this section shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Bands and shall be a part of the respective Bands' reservation.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §6, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2158.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Reorganization Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act June 18, 1934, ch. 576, 48 Stat. 984, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter V (§461 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

§ 1300k-5. Membership

Not later than 18 months after September 21, 1994, the Bands shall submit to the Secretary membership rolls consisting of all individuals currently enrolled for membership in such Bands. The qualifications for inclusion on the membership rolls of the Bands shall be determined by the membership clauses in such Bands' respective governing documents, in consultation with the Secretary. Upon completion of the rolls, the Secretary shall immediately publish notice of such in the Federal Register. The Bands shall ensure that such rolls are maintained and kept current.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §7, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2159.)

§ 1300k-6. Constitution and governing body

(a) Constitution

(1) Adoption

Not later than 24 months after September 21, 1994, the Secretary shall conduct, by secret ballot, elections for the purposes of adopting new constitutions for the Bands. The elections shall be held according to the procedures applicable to elections under section 476 of this title.

(2) Interim governing documents

Until such time as new constitutions are adopted under paragraph (1), the governing

documents in effect on September 21, 1994, shall be the interim governing documents for the Bands.

(b) Officials

(1) Election

Not later than 6 months after the Bands adopt constitutions and bylaws pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Bands shall conduct elections by secret ballot for the purpose of electing officials for the Bands as provided in the Bands' respective governing constitutions. The elections shall be conducted according to the procedures described in the Bands' constitutions and bylaws.

(2) Interim governments

Until such time as the Bands elect new officials pursuant to paragraph (1), the Bands' governing bodies shall be those governing bodies in place on September 21, 1994, or any new governing bodies selected under the election procedures specified in the respective interim governing documents of the Bands.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §8, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2159.)

§ 1300k-7. Membership list

(a) List of present membership

Not later than 120 days after September 21, 1994, the Bands shall submit to the Secretary a list of all individuals who, as of September 21, 1994, were members of the respective Bands.

(b) List of individuals eligible for membership

(1) In general

Not later than 18 months after September 21, 1994, each of the Bands shall submit to the Secretary a membership roll that contains the names of all individuals that are eligible for membership in such Band. Each such Band, in consultation with the Secretary, shall determine whether an individual is eligible for membership in the Band on the basis of provisions in the governing documents of the Band that determine the qualifications for inclusion in the membership roll of the Band.

(2) Publication of notice

At such time as the rolls have been submitted to the Secretary, the Secretary shall immediately publish in the Federal Register a notice of such rolls.

(3) Maintenance of rolls

The Band shall ensure that the rolls are maintained and kept current.

(Pub. L. 103-324, §9, as added Pub. L. 103-435, §21, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4574; amended Pub. L. 104-109, §2(b), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 763.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-109, §2(b)(1), substituted "the Bands shall submit" for "the Band shall submit" and "members of the respective Bands" for "members of the Band".

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104-109, §2(b)(2), in first sentence substituted "each of the Bands shall submit to the Secretary a membership roll that contains the names of all individuals that are eligible for membership in such Band" for "the Band shall submit to the Secretary membership rolls that contain the names of all individuals eligible for membership in such Band"

and in second sentence substituted “Each such Band, in consultation” for “The Band, in consultation”.

SUBCHAPTER LXXXIII—AUBURN INDIAN RESTORATION

§ 1300I. Restoration of Federal recognition, rights, and privileges

(a) Federal recognition

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Federal recognition is hereby extended to the Tribe. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, all laws and regulations of general application to Indians or nations, tribes, or bands of Indians that are not inconsistent with any specific provision of this subchapter shall be applicable to the Tribe and its members.

(b) Restoration of rights and privileges

Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, all rights and privileges of the Tribe and its members under any Federal treaty, Executive order, agreement, or statute, or under any other authority which were diminished or lost under the Act of August 18, 1958 (Public Law 85-671), are hereby restored and the provisions of such Act shall be inapplicable to the Tribe and its members after October 31, 1994.

(c) Federal services and benefits

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and without regard to the existence of a reservation, the Tribe and its members shall be eligible, on and after October 31, 1994, for all Federal services and benefits furnished to federally recognized Indian tribes or their members. In the case of Federal services available to members of federally recognized Indian tribes residing on a reservation, members of the Tribe residing in the Tribe’s service area shall be deemed to be residing on a reservation.

(d) Hunting, fishing, trapping, and water rights

Nothing in this subchapter shall expand, reduce, or affect in any manner any hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, or water right of the Tribe and its members.

(e) Indian Reorganization Act applicability

The Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), shall be applicable to the Tribe and its members.

(f) Certain rights not altered

Except as specifically provided in this subchapter, nothing in this subchapter shall alter any property right or obligation, any contractual right or obligation, or any obligation for taxes levied.

(Pub. L. 103-434, title II, §202, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4533.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of August 18, 1958, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 85-671, Aug. 18, 1958, 72 Stat. 619, which is not classified to the Code.

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in subsec. (e), popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act, is classified generally to subchapter V (§461 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

SHORT TITLE

Section 201 of title II of Pub. L. 103-434 provided that: “This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘Auburn Indian Restoration Act’.”

§ 1300I-1. Economic development

(a) Plan for economic development

The Secretary shall—

(1) enter into negotiations with the governing body of the Tribe with respect to establishing a plan for economic development for the Tribe;

(2) in accordance with this section and not later than 2 years after the adoption of a tribal constitution as provided in section 1300I-5 of this title, develop such a plan; and

(3) upon the approval of such plan by the governing body of the Tribe, submit such plan to the Congress.

(b) Restrictions

Any proposed transfer of real property contained in the plan developed by the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section shall be consistent with the requirements of section 1300I-2 of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-434, title II, §203, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4533; Pub. L. 104-109, §8(a), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 764.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-109, §8(a)(1), made technical amendment to reference to section 1300I-5 of this title, to correct reference to corresponding section of original act.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-109, §8(a)(2), made technical amendment to reference to section 1300I-2 of this title, to correct reference to corresponding section of original act.

§ 1300I-2. Transfer of land to be held in trust

(a) Lands to be taken in trust

The Secretary may accept any real property located in Placer County, California, for the benefit of the Tribe if conveyed or otherwise transferred to the Secretary if, at the time of such conveyance or transfer, there are no adverse legal claims on such property, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or taxes owed. The Secretary may accept any additional acreage in the Tribe’s service area pursuant to the authority of the Secretary under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) Former trust lands of Auburn Rancheria

Subject to the conditions specified in this section, real property eligible for trust status under this section shall include fee land held by the White Oak Ridge Association, Indian owned fee land held communally pursuant to the distribution plan prepared and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 13, 1959, and Indian owned fee land held by persons listed as distributees or dependent members in such distribution plan or such distributees’ or dependent members’ Indian heirs or successors in interest.

(c) Lands to be part of reservation

Subject to the conditions imposed by this section, any real property conveyed or transferred under this section shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Tribe or, as applicable, an individual member of the Tribe, and shall be part of the Tribe’s reservation.

(Pub. L. 103-434, title II, §204, Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4534; Pub. L. 104-122, Mar. 29, 1996, 110 Stat. 876.)