

payment that would have been made under State law if such land had not been acquired. (Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1032; Pub. L. 103-93, §10(b), Oct. 1, 1993, 107 Stat. 999; Pub. L. 103-397, §4, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4157; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title X, §1033(b), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4240.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6902(a)	31:1601.	Oct. 20, 1976, Pub. L. 94-565, §§1, 5(a), (b), 90 Stat. 2662, 2665.
6902(b)	31:1605(c).	Oct. 20, 1976, Pub. L. 94-565, 90 Stat. 2662, §5(c); added Oct. 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-469, §3(2), 92 Stat. 1321.
6902(c)	31:1605(a).	
6902(d)	31:1605(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “Effective for fiscal years beginning on and after October 1, 1976” are omitted as executed. The words “(as defined in section 1606 of this title)” are omitted because of the restatement. The text of 31:1601(last sentence) is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the word “or” is substituted for “and/or” for consistency. The words “except that, beginning in fiscal year 1979” are omitted as executed. The words “of such land” are omitted as surplus. The word “Federal” is omitted as unnecessary. The words “and which is or was so donated . . . thereof by the State or unit of local government” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c), the citation in parentheses for the Act of May 24, 1939, is included only for information purposes.

In subsection (d), the words “county or” are omitted as unnecessary because a county is a unit of general local government under section 6901 of the revised title.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-333 amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Secretary of the Interior shall make a payment for each fiscal year to each unit of general local government in which entitlement land is located, as set forth in this chapter. A unit of general local government may use the payment for any governmental purpose.”

1994—Pub. L. 103-397 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

“(a) The Secretary of the Interior shall make a payment for each fiscal year to each unit of general local government in which entitlement land is located. A unit may use the payment for any governmental purpose.

“(b) A unit of general local government may not receive a payment for land for which payment under this chapter otherwise may be received if the land was owned or administered by a State or unit and was exempt from real estate taxes when the land was conveyed to the United States Government. This subsection does not apply to payments for land a State or unit acquires from a private party to donate to the Government within 8 years of acquisition, nor does this subsection apply to payments for lands in Utah acquired by the United States if at the time of such acquisition units, under applicable State law, were entitled to receive payments from the State for such lands, but in such case no payment under this chapter with respect to such acquired lands shall exceed the payment that would have been made under State law if such lands had not been acquired.

“(c) A unit of general local government receiving payment for a fiscal year for land under the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a et seq.), or the Act of May

24, 1939 (ch. 144, 53 Stat. 753), may not receive a payment under this chapter for the land for that fiscal year. This chapter does not apply to either Act.

“(d) If the total payment to a unit of general local government for a fiscal year would be less than \$100, the Secretary may not make the payment.”

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-93 substituted “acquisition, nor does this subsection apply to payments for lands in Utah acquired by the United States if at the time of such acquisition units, under applicable State law, were entitled to receive payments from the State for such lands, but in such case no payment under this chapter with respect to such acquired lands shall exceed the payment that would have been made under State law if such lands had not been acquired” for “acquisition”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(a), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4158, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this Act [amending this section and section 6903 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 6901 and 6903 of this title] and the amendments made by this Act shall become effective on October 1, 1994.

“(2) LIMITATION.—The amendment made by section 2(b)(2) [amending section 6903 of this title] shall become effective on October 1, 1998.”

§ 6903. Payments

(a) In this section—

(1) “payment law” means—

(A) the Act of June 20, 1910 (ch. 310, 36 Stat. 557);

(B) section 33 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1012);

(C) the Act of May 23, 1908 (16 U.S.C. 500) or the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000;

(D) section 5 of the Act of June 22, 1948 (16 U.S.C. 577g, 577g-1);

(E) section 401(c)(2) of the Act of June 15, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 715s(c)(2));

(F) section 17 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 810);

(G) section 35 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 191);

(H) section 6 of the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355);

(I) section 3 of the Act of July 31, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 603); and

(J) section 10 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (known as the Taylor Grazing Act) (43 U.S.C. 3151).

(2) population shall be determined on the same basis that the Secretary of Commerce determines resident population for general statistical purposes.

(3) a unit of general local government may not be credited with a population of more than 50,000.

(b)(1) A payment under section 6902 of this title is equal to the greater of—

(A) 93 cents during fiscal year 1995, \$1.11 during fiscal year 1996, \$1.29 during fiscal year 1997, \$1.47 during fiscal year 1998, and \$1.65 during fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, for each acre of entitlement land located within a unit of general local government (but not more than the limitation determined under sub-

section (c) of this section) reduced (but not below 0) by amounts the unit received in the prior fiscal year under a payment law; or

(B) 12 cents during fiscal year 1995, 15 cents during fiscal year 1996, 17 cents during fiscal year 1997, 20 cents during fiscal year 1998, and 22 cents during fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, for each acre of entitlement land located in the unit (but not more than the limitation determined under subsection (c) of this section).

(2) The chief executive officer of a State shall submit to the Secretary of the Interior a statement on the amounts of payments the State transfers to each unit of general local government in the State out of amounts received under a payment law.

(c)(1) The limitation for a unit of general local government with a population of not more than 4,999 is the highest dollar amount specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The limitation for a unit of general local government with a population of at least 5,000 is the following amount (rounding the population off to the nearest thousand):

If the population equals—	the limitation is equal to the population times—
5,000	\$110.00
6,000	103.00
7,000	97.00
8,000	90.00
9,000	84.00
10,000	77.00
11,000	75.00
12,000	73.00
13,000	70.00
14,000	68.00
15,000	66.00
16,000	65.00
17,000	64.00
18,000	63.00
19,000	62.00
20,000	61.00
21,000	60.00
22,000	59.00
23,000	59.00
24,000	58.00
25,000	57.00
26,000	56.00
27,000	56.00
28,000	56.00
29,000	55.00
30,000	55.00
31,000	54.00
32,000	54.00
33,000	53.00
34,000	53.00
35,000	52.00
36,000	52.00
37,000	51.00
38,000	51.00
39,000	50.00
40,000	50.00
41,000	49.00
42,000	48.00
43,000	48.00
44,000	47.00
45,000	47.00
46,000	46.00
47,000	46.00
48,000	45.00
49,000	45.00
50,000	44.00

(d) On October 1 of each year after the date of enactment of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall adjust each dollar amount specified in subsections (b) and (c) to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, for the 12 months ending the preceding June 30.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1032; Pub. L. 98-63, title I, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 324; Pub. L. 103-397, §§ 2, 3, 5(b), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4156-4158; Pub. L. 106-393, § 4, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1610.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6903(a)(1)	16:715s(h)(2).	June 15, 1935, ch. 261, 49 Stat. 378, §401(h)(2); added Oct. 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(4), 92 Stat. 1321. Oct. 20, 1976, Pub. L. 94-565, §§ 2, 4, 90 Stat. 2662, 2664.
	31:1604.	
6903(a)(2)	31:1602(c).	
6903(a)(3)	31:1602(b)(2)(last sentence).	
6903(a)(4)	31:1602(d).	
6903(b)(1)	31:1602(a)(1st sentence).	
6903(b)(2)	31:1602(a)(last sentence).	
6903(c)	31:1602(b)(1), (2)(1st sentence).	

In subsection (a)(1), before subclause (A), the word "payment" is added for clarity. Subclause (E) is substituted for 16:715s(h)(2) because of the restatement. In clause (2), the words "Secretary of Commerce" are substituted for "Bureau of the Census" for consistency. In clause (4), the words "the jurisdiction of" are omitted as surplus. The word "deemed" is substituted for "treated" for consistency.

In subsections (b) and (c), the word "population" before "limitation" is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(1), before clause (A), the words "The amount of . . . made for any fiscal year to a unit of local government . . . the following amounts" are omitted as surplus. In clauses (A) and (B), the words "the boundaries of" are omitted as surplus. In clause (A), the words "aggregate . . . of payments, if any" are omitted as surplus. The words "a payment law" are substituted for "all of the provisions specified in section 1604 of this title" because of the restatement.

In subsection (b)(2), the words "chief executive officer" are substituted for "Governor (or his delegate)" for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words "a payment law" are substituted for "a provision specified in section 1604 of this title" because of the restatement of 31:1604 in subsection (a).

In subsection (c)(1), the words "amount equal to" and "within the jurisdiction of such unit of local government" are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(2), the words "computed under the . . . table" are omitted as unnecessary. The words "the limitation is equal to the population times" are substituted for "Payment shall not exceed the amount computed by multiplying such population by" for clarity and consistency.

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 20, 1910 (ch. 310, 36 Stat. 557), referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), is not classified to the Code.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), is Pub. L. 106-393, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1607, which is classified principally to chapter 90 (§7101 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of

this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7101 of Title 16 and Tables.

The date of enactment of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act, referred to in subsec. (d), probably means the date of enactment of the Payments In Lieu of Taxes Act, Pub. L. 103-397, which was approved Oct. 22, 1994.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a)(1)(C). Pub. L. 106-393 inserted “or the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000” before semicolon at end.

1994—Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 103-397, §2(a)(1), substituted “93 cents during fiscal year 1995, \$1.11 during fiscal year 1996, \$1.29 during fiscal year 1997, \$1.47 during fiscal year 1998, and \$1.65 during fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, for each acre of entitlement land” for “75 cents for each acre of entitlement land”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 103-397, §2(a)(2), substituted “12 cents during fiscal year 1995, 15 cents during fiscal year 1996, 17 cents during fiscal year 1997, 20 cents during fiscal year 1998, and 22 cents during fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, for each acre of entitlement land” for “10 cents for each acre of entitlement land”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-397, §2(b)(1), substituted “the highest dollar amount specified in paragraph (2)” for “\$50 times the population”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 103-397, §2(b)(2), amended table generally by augmenting dollar amounts by which population totals must be multiplied in order to equal the limitation from \$39.25 to \$98.00 under prior table to \$44.00 to \$110.00.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(4), amended table generally for fiscal year 1998 by augmenting dollar amounts by which population totals must be multiplied in order to equal the limitation from \$34.50 to \$86.00 under prior table to \$39.25 to \$98.00.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(3), amended table generally for fiscal year 1997 by augmenting dollar amounts by which population totals must be multiplied in order to equal the limitation from \$29.50 to \$74.00 under prior table to \$34.50 to \$86.00.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(2), amended table generally for fiscal year 1996 by augmenting dollar amounts by which population totals must be multiplied in order to equal the limitation from \$24.75 to \$62.00 under prior table to \$29.50 to \$74.00.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(1), amended table generally for fiscal year 1995 by augmenting dollar amounts by which population totals must be multiplied in order to equal the limitation from \$20.00 to \$50.00 under prior table to \$24.75 to \$62.00.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-397, §3, added subsec. (d).

1983—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 98-63 struck out par. (4) which provided that if any part of a small unit was located within another unit, entitlement land within both units was deemed to be located within the smaller unit.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 2(a), (b)(1), and 3 of Pub. L. 103-397 effective Oct. 1, 1994, and amendment by section 2(b)(2) of Pub. L. 103-397 effective Oct. 1, 1998, see section 5(a) of Pub. L. 103-397, set out as a note under section 6902 of this title.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(1), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4158, provided for the amendment of the table at the end of subsec. (c)(2) of this section during fiscal year 1995.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(2), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4159, provided for the amendment of the table at the end of subsec. (c)(2) of this section during fiscal year 1996.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(3), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4159, provided for the amendment of the table at the end of subsec. (c)(2) of this section during fiscal year 1997.

Pub. L. 103-397, §5(b)(4), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4160, provided for the amendment of the table at the end of subsec. (c)(2) of this section during fiscal year 1998.

PROPORTIONAL PAYMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pub. L. 118-42, div. E, title I, Mar. 9, 2024, 138 Stat. 237, provided in part: “That in the event the sums appropriated for any fiscal year for payments pursuant to this chapter [meaning chapter 69 of Title 31, 31 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.] are insufficient to make the full payments authorized by that chapter to all units of local government, then the payment to each local government shall be made proportionally”.

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 117-328, div. G, title I, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4777.

Pub. L. 117-103, div. G, title I, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 366.

Pub. L. 116-260, div. G, title I, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1496.

Pub. L. 116-94, div. D, title I, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2703.

Pub. L. 116-6, div. E, title I, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 222.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. G, title I, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 651.

Pub. L. 115-31, div. G, title I, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 452.

PAYMENTS MADE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1983

Pub. L. 98-63, title I, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 324, provided in part that: “The United States shall not be subject to any cause of action or any liability for distribution of payments made prior to January 1, 1983, under the Act of October 20, 1976 (90 Stat. 2662), as amended [Pub. L. 94-565, see 31 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.], or regulations pursuant thereto.”

§ 6904. Additional payments

(a) In addition to payments the Secretary of the Interior makes under section 6902 of this title, the Secretary shall make a payment for each fiscal year to a unit of general local government collecting and distributing real property taxes (including a unit in Alaska outside the boundaries of an organized borough) in which is located an interest in land that—

(1) the United States Government acquires for—

- (A) the National Park System; or
- (B) the National Forest Wilderness Areas; and

(2) was subject to local real property taxes within the 5-year period before the interest is acquired.

(b) The Secretary shall make payments only for the 5 fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the interest in land is acquired. Under guidelines the Secretary prescribes, the unit of general local government receiving the payment from the Secretary shall distribute payments proportionally to units and school districts that lost real property taxes because of the acquisition of the interest. A unit receiving a distribution may use a payment for any governmental purpose.

(c) Each yearly payment by the Secretary under this section is equal to one percent of the fair market value of the interest in land on the date the Government acquires the interest. However, a payment may not be more than the amount of real property taxes levied on the property during the last fiscal year before the fiscal year in which the interest is acquired. A decision on fair market value under this section may not include an increase in the value of an interest because the land is rezoned when the rezoning causes the increase after the date of en-