

section 722 of this title, all statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall no longer be applicable to the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas or the members thereof, except as provided in said section 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.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 6, 68 Stat. 769.)

§ 727. Citizenship status unaffected

Nothing in this subchapter shall affect the status of the members of the tribes as citizens of the United States.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 7, 68 Stat. 769.)

§ 728. Protection of Alabama and Coushatta Indians and conservation of resources after issuance of proclamation

The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 387) [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.], shall not apply to the tribe and its members after the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 722 of this title.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 8, 68 Stat. 769.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in text, 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.

SUBCHAPTER XXXI-A—ALABAMA AND COUSHATTA INDIAN TRIBES OF TEXAS: RESTORATION OF FEDERAL SUPERVISION

§ 731. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term “tribe” means the Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas (considered as one tribe in accordance with section 732 of this title);

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative;

(3) the term “reservation” means the Alabama and Coushatta Indian Reservation in Polk County, Texas, comprised of—

(A) the lands and other natural resources conveyed to the State of Texas by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of section 721 of this title;

(B) the lands and other natural resources purchased for and deeded to the Alabama Indians in accordance with an act of the legislature of the State of Texas approved February 3, 1854; and

(C) lands subsequently acquired and held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the tribe;

(4) the term “State” means the State of Texas;

(5) the term “constitution and bylaws” means the constitution and bylaws of the tribe which were adopted on June 16, 1971; and

(6) the term “Tribal Council” means the governing body of the tribe under the constitution and bylaws.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, § 201, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 669.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 100-89 provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and subchapter LXXXVIII (§1300g et seq.) of this chapter and provisions set out below] may be cited as the ‘Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act’.”

REGULATIONS

Section 2 of Pub. L. 100-89 provided that: “The Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act [see Short Title note above].”

§ 732. Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas considered as one tribe

The Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas shall be considered as one tribal unit for purposes of this subchapter and any other law or rule of law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, § 202, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 670.)

§ 733. Restoration of Federal trust relationship; Federal services and assistance

(a) Federal trust relationship

The Federal recognition of the tribe and of the trust relationship between the United States and the tribe is hereby restored. The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.], and all laws and rules of law of the United States of general application to Indians, to nations, tribes, or bands of Indians, or to Indian reservations which are not inconsistent with any specific provision contained in this subchapter shall apply to the members of the tribe, the tribe, and the reservation.

(b) Restoration of rights and privileges

All rights and privileges of the tribe and members of the tribe under any Federal treaty, Executive order, agreement, statute, or under any other authority of the United States which may have been diminished or lost under the Act approved August 23, 1954 [68 Stat. 768; 25 U.S.C. 721 et seq.], are hereby restored and such subchapter shall not apply to the tribe or to members of the tribe after August 18, 1987.

(c) Federal benefits and services

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tribe and the members of the tribe shall be eligible, on and after August 18, 1987, for all benefits and services furnished to federally recognized Indian tribes.

(d) Effect on property rights and other obligations

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this subchapter, the enactment of this subchapter shall not affect any property right or obligation or any contractual right or obligation in existence before August 18, 1987, or any obligation for taxes levied before August 18, 1987.