

onciled as of September 30, 1995. In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Special Trustee. The report shall include—

- (1) a description of the Secretary's methodology in reconciling trust fund accounts;
- (2) attestations by each account holder that—

(A) the Secretary has provided the account holder with as full and complete accounting as possible of the account holder's funds to the earliest possible date, and that the account holder accepts the balance as reconciled by the Secretary; or

(B) the account holder disputes the balance of the account holder's account as reconciled by the Secretary and statement explaining why the account holder disputes the Secretary's reconciled balance; and

- (3) a statement by the Secretary with regard to each account balance disputed by the account holder outlining efforts the Secretary will undertake to resolve the dispute.

(Pub. L. 103-412, title III, §304, Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4248.)

SETTLEMENT OF TRIBAL CLAIMS

Pub. L. 107-153, §1, Mar. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 79, as amended by Pub. L. 109-158, §1, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2954, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of determining the date on which an Indian tribe received a reconciliation report for purposes of applying a statute of limitations, any such report provided to or received by an Indian tribe in response to section 304 of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4044) shall be deemed to have been received by the Indian tribe on December 31, 2000.

“(b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—Subsection (a) is solely intended to provide recipients of reconciliation reports with the opportunity to postpone the filing of claims, or to facilitate the voluntary dismissal of claims, to encourage settlement negotiations with the United States.”

**§ 4045. Staff and consultants**

**(a) Staff**

The Special Trustee may employ such staff as the Special Trustee deems necessary. The Special Trustee may request staff assistance from within the Department and any office or Bureau thereof as the Special Trustee deems necessary.

**(b) Contracts**

To the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, the Special Trustee may enter into contracts and other arrangements with public agencies and with private persons and organizations for consulting services and make such payments as necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 103-412, title III, §305, Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4248.)

**§ 4046. Advisory board**

**(a) Establishment and membership**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Special Trustee shall establish an advisory board to provide advice on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Special Trustee. The ad-

visory board shall consist of nine members, appointed by the Special Trustee after consultation with Indian tribes and appropriate Indian organizations, of which—

(1) five members shall represent trust fund account holders, including both tribal and Individual Indian Money accounts;

(2) two members shall have practical experience in trust fund and financial management;

(3) one member shall have practical experience in fiduciary investment management; and

(4) one member, from academia, shall have knowledge of general management of large organizations.

**(b) Term**

Each member shall serve a term of two years.

**(c) FACA**

The advisory board shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**(d) Termination**

The advisory board shall terminate upon termination of the Office of Special Trustee.

(Pub. L. 103-412, title III, §306, Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4249; Pub. L. 104-109, §6(b), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 764.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-109 substituted “advisory board” for “Advisory Board”.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title I, §133, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 243, provided that: “Within 90 days of enactment of this Act [Feb. 20, 2003] the Special Trustee for American Indians, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Tribes, shall appoint new members to the Special Trustee Advisory Board.”

SUBCHAPTER IV—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

**§ 4061. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 103-412, title IV, §401, Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4249.)

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