

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

Pub. L. 103-324, §1, Sept. 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 2156, 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 Little 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 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.

(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".