

ation as of the date that such land is transferred to the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1405, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2940.)

§ 1300n-4. Membership rolls

(a) Compilation of tribal membership roll

Not later than 1 year after December 27, 2000, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the Tribe, compile a membership roll of the Tribe.

(b) Criteria for membership

(1) Until a tribal constitution is adopted under section 1300n-6 of this title, an individual shall be placed on the Graton membership roll if such individual is living, is not an enrolled member of another federally recognized Indian tribe, and if—

(A) such individual's name was listed on the Graton Indian Rancheria distribution list compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and approved by the Secretary on September 17, 1959, under Public Law 85-671;

(B) such individual was not listed on the Graton Indian Rancheria distribution list, but met the requirements that had to be met to be listed on the Graton Indian Rancheria distribution list;

(C) such individual is identified as an Indian from the Graton, Marshall, Bodega, Tomales, or Sebastopol, California, vicinities, in documents prepared by or at the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or in any other public or California mission records; or

(D) such individual is a lineal descendant of an individual, living or dead, identified in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

(2) After adoption of a tribal constitution under section 1300n-6 of this title, such tribal constitution shall govern membership in the Tribe.

(c) Conclusive proof of Graton Indian ancestry

For the purpose of subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall accept any available evidence establishing Graton Indian ancestry. The Secretary shall accept as conclusive evidence of Graton Indian ancestry information contained in the census of the Indians from the Graton, Marshall, Bodega, Tomales, or Sebastopol, California, vicinities, prepared by or at the direction of Special Indian Agent John J. Terrell in any other roll or census of Graton Indians prepared by or at the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in the Graton Indian Rancheria distribution list compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and approved by the Secretary on September 17, 1959.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1406, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2940.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 85-671, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(A), is Pub. L. 85-671, Aug. 18, 1958, 72 Stat. 619, which is not classified to the Code.

§ 1300n-5. Interim government

Until the Tribe ratifies a final constitution consistent with section 1300n-6 of this title, the Tribe's governing body shall be an Interim Trib-

al Council. The initial membership of the Interim Tribal Council shall consist of the members serving on December 27, 2000, who have been elected under the tribal constitution adopted May 3, 1997. The Interim Tribal Council shall continue to operate in the manner prescribed under such tribal constitution. Any vacancy on the Interim Tribal Council shall be filled by individuals who meet the membership criteria set forth in section 1300n-4(b) of this title and who are elected in the same manner as are Tribal Council members under the tribal constitution adopted May 3, 1997.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1407, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2941.)

§ 1300n-6. Tribal constitution

(a) Election; time; procedure

After the compilation of the tribal membership roll under section 1300n-4(a) of this title, upon the written request of the Interim Tribal Council, the Secretary shall conduct, by secret ballot, an election for the purpose of ratifying a final constitution for the Tribe. The election shall be held consistent with sections 476(c)(1) and 476(c)(2)(A) of this title. Absentee voting shall be permitted regardless of voter residence.

(b) Election of tribal officials; procedures

Not later than 120 days after the Tribe ratifies a final constitution under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall conduct an election by secret ballot for the purpose of electing tribal officials as provided in such tribal constitution. Such election shall be conducted consistent with the procedures specified in subsection (a) of this section except to the extent that such procedures conflict with the tribal constitution.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1408, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2941.)

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