

(Pub. L. 101-484, § 7, Oct. 31, 1990, 104 Stat. 1168.)

### § 983f. Tribal constitution

#### (a) Adoption by secret ballot; absentee balloting

Upon the completion of the tribal membership roll and upon the written request of the Interim Council, the Secretary shall conduct, by secret ballot, an election to adopt a constitution for the Tribe. Such constitution shall be submitted by the Interim Council to the Secretary no later than 1 year following October 31, 1990. Absentee balloting shall be permitted regardless of voter residence. In every other regard, the election shall be held according to section 476 of this title.

#### (b) Election of tribal officials

Not later than 120 days after the Tribe adopts a tribal constitution, the Secretary shall conduct an election by secret ballot for the purpose of electing tribal officials as provided in the constitution. Said election shall be conducted according to the procedures stated in subsection (a) of this section except to the extent that said procedures conflict with the tribal constitution.

#### (c) Governing body treated as Indian tribal government for purposes of taxation

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing body of the Tribe established under the constitution of the Tribe that is adopted under subsection (a) of this section shall be treated as an Indian tribal government for purposes of title 26.

(Pub. L. 101-484, § 8, Oct. 31, 1990, 104 Stat. 1169.)

### § 983g. Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 101-484, § 9, Oct. 31, 1990, 104 Stat. 1169.)

### § 983h. Economic development plan

#### (a) Establishment; submittal to Congress

The Secretary shall—

(1) enter into negotiations with the governing body of the Tribe to establish a plan for economic development for the Tribe;

(2) in accordance with this section, establish such a plan; and

(3) upon the approval of such plan by the governing body of the Tribe (and after consultation with the State and local officials pursuant to subsection (b) of this section), shall<sup>1</sup> submit such plan to the Congress by no later than the date that is 3 years after October 31, 1990.

#### (b) Consultation with State and local officials

(1) To ensure that legitimate State and local interests are not prejudiced by the economic development plan established under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall notify and consult with the appropriate officials of the State and all appropriate local governmental officials in the State with respect to the proposed economic development plan. The Secretary shall

provide complete information on the proposed economic development plan to such officials, including the restrictions imposed on such plan by subsection (c) of this section.

(2) During any consultation by the Secretary under this subsection, the Secretary shall provide such information as the Secretary may possess and shall request comments and additional information on the extent of any State or local service to the Tribe.

#### (c) Required provisions

Any economic development plan established by the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section shall provide that—

(1) real property acquired by or for the Tribe located in Knox or Boyd Counties, Nebraska, shall be taken by the Secretary in the name of the United States in trust for the benefit of the Tribe;

(2) any real property taken in trust by the Secretary pursuant to such plan shall be subject to—

(A) all legal rights and interests in such land held by any person at the time of acquisition of such land by the Secretary, including any lien, mortgage, or previously levied and outstanding State or local tax, and

(B) foreclosure or sale in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska pursuant to the terms of any valid obligation in existence at the time of the acquisition of such land by the Secretary; and

(3) any real property transferred pursuant to such plan shall be exempt from Federal, State, and local taxation of any kind.

#### (d) Statement regarding individuals consulted, and testimony or comments received by Secretary

The Secretary shall append to the economic development plan submitted to the Congress under subsection (a) of this section a detailed statement—

(1) naming each individual consulted in accordance with subsection (b) of this section;

(2) summarizing the testimony received by the Secretary pursuant to any such consultation; and

(3) including any written comments or reports submitted to the Secretary by any individual named in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 101-484, § 10, Oct. 31, 1990, 104 Stat. 1169; Pub. L. 102-497, § 2, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3255.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 102-497 substituted “3 years” for “2 years”.

#### SUBCHAPTER XLVII—CHEROKEE NATION: DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUND

### § 991. Per capita payments to tribal members; closure of rolls; appropriations; accrued interest; deductions

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to distribute per capita to all persons whose names appear on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, which rolls were closed and made final as of March 4, 1907, pursuant to the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137), and subsequent additions

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word “shall” probably should not appear.