

**(c) Transfer of unallotted lands to tribally owned or municipal corporations**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to transfer, upon request of the Navajo Tribal Council, to any corporation owned by the tribe and organized pursuant to State law, or to any municipal corporation organized under State law, legal title to or a leasehold interest in any unallotted lands held for the Navajo Indian Tribe, and thereafter the United States shall have no responsibility or liability for, but on request of the tribe shall render advice and assistance in, the management, use, or disposition of such lands.

(Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §5, 64 Stat. 46; Pub. L. 86-505, §1, June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 199.)

AMENDMENTS

1960—Pub. L. 86-505 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

**§ 636. Adoption of constitution by Navajo Tribe; method; contents**

In order to facilitate the fullest possible participation by the Navajo Tribe in the program authorized by this subchapter, the members of the tribe shall have the right to adopt a tribal constitution in the manner herein prescribed. Such constitution may provide for the exercise by the Navajo Tribe of any powers vested in the tribe or any organ thereof by existing law, together with such additional powers as the members of the tribe may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, deem proper to include therein. Such constitution shall be formulated by the Navajo Tribal Council at any regular meeting, distributed in printed form to the Navajo people for consideration, and adopted by secret ballot of the adult members of the Navajo Tribe in an election held under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at which a majority of the qualified votes cast favor such adoption. The constitution shall authorize the fullest possible participation of the Navajos in the administration of their affairs as approved by the Secretary of the Interior and shall become effective when approved by the Secretary. The constitution may be amended from time to time in the same manner as herein provided for its adoption, and the Secretary of the Interior shall approve any amendment which in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior advances the development of the Navajo people toward the fullest realization and exercise of the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

(Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §6, 64 Stat. 46.)

**§ 637. Use of Navajo tribal funds**

Notwithstanding any other provision of existing law, the tribal funds now on deposit or hereafter placed to the credit of the Navajo Tribe of Indians in the United States Treasury shall be available for such purposes as may be designated by the Navajo Tribal Council and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §7, 64 Stat. 46.)

**§ 638. Participation by Tribal Councils; recommendations**

The Tribal Councils of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes and the Indian communities affected shall be kept informed and afforded opportunity to consider from their inception plans pertaining to the program authorized by this subchapter. In the administration of the program, the Secretary of the Interior shall consider the recommendations of the tribal councils and shall follow such recommendations whenever he deems them feasible and consistent with the objectives of this subchapter.

(Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §8, 64 Stat. 46.)

**§ 639. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-193, title I, § 110(u), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2175**

Section, acts Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §9, 64 Stat. 47; Oct. 30, 1972, Pub. L. 92-603, title III, §303(c), 86 Stat. 1484; Dec. 31, 1973, Pub. L. 93-233, §19(a), 87 Stat. 974, related to additional Social Security contributions to States for State expenditures for aid to dependent children to Navajo and Hopi Indians.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective July 1, 1997, with transition rules relating to State options to accelerate such date, rules relating to claims, actions, and proceedings commenced before such date, rules relating to closing out of accounts for terminated or substantially modified programs and continuance in office of Assistant Secretary for Family Support, and provisions relating to termination of entitlement under AFDC program, see section 116 of Pub. L. 104-193, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**§ 640. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-531, § 26, Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723**

Section, act Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, §10, 64 Stat. 47, established Joint Committee on Navajo-Hopi Indian Administration, with function of making a continuous study of programs for administration and rehabilitation of Navajo and Hopi Indians.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 93-531, §26, Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723, provided that the repeal is effective as of the close of business December 31, 1974.

**§ 640a. Diné College; purpose**

It is the purpose of sections 640a to 640c-3 of this title to assist the Navajo Nation in providing education to the members of the tribe and other qualified applicants through a community college, established by that tribe, known as Diné College.

(Pub. L. 92-189, §2, Dec. 15, 1971, 85 Stat. 646; Pub. L. 110-315, title IX, §946(a), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3468.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of act Apr. 19, 1950, ch. 92, 64 Stat. 44, which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-315 substituted “Navajo Nation” for “Navajo Tribe of Indians” and “Diné College” for “the Navajo Community College”.

SHORT TITLE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-315, title IX, §945, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3468, provided that: “This subpart [subpart 2 (§§945, 946)