

section 722 of this title, all statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall no longer be applicable to the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas or the members thereof, except as provided in said section and the laws of the several States shall apply to the tribe and its members in the same manner as they apply to other citizens or persons within their jurisdiction.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 6, 68 Stat. 769.)

§ 727. Citizenship status unaffected

Nothing in this subchapter shall affect the status of the members of the tribes as citizens of the United States.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 7, 68 Stat. 769.)

§ 728. Protection of Alabama and Coushatta Indians and conservation of resources after issuance of proclamation

The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 387) [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.], shall not apply to the tribe and its members after the date of the proclamation to be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 722 of this title.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, § 8, 68 Stat. 769.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in text, popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act, 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.

SUBCHAPTER XXXI—ALABAMA AND COUSHATTA INDIAN TRIBES OF TEXAS: RESTORATION OF FEDERAL SUPERVISION

§ 731. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term “tribe” means the Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas (considered as one tribe in accordance with section 732 of this title);

(2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative;

(3) the term “reservation” means the Alabama and Coushatta Indian Reservation in Polk County, Texas, comprised of—

(A) the lands and other natural resources conveyed to the State of Texas by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of section 721 of this title;

(B) the lands and other natural resources purchased for and deeded to the Alabama Indians in accordance with an act of the legislature of the State of Texas approved February 3, 1854; and

(C) lands subsequently acquired and held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the tribe;

(4) the term “State” means the State of Texas;

(5) the term “constitution and bylaws” means the constitution and bylaws of the tribe which were adopted on June 16, 1971; and

(6) the term “Tribal Council” means the governing body of the tribe under the constitution and bylaws.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, § 201, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 669.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-89, § 1, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 666, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and subchapter LXXVIII (§1300g et seq.) of this chapter and provisions set out below] may be cited as the ‘Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act.’”

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 100-89, § 2, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 666, provided that: “The Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act [see Short Title note above].”

§ 732. Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas considered as one tribe

The Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas shall be considered as one tribal unit for purposes of this subchapter and any other law or rule of law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, § 202, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 670.)

§ 733. Restoration of Federal trust relationship; Federal services and assistance

(a) Federal trust relationship

The Federal recognition of the tribe and of the trust relationship between the United States and the tribe is hereby restored. The Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.], and all laws and rules of law of the United States of general application to Indians, to nations, tribes, or bands of Indians, or to Indian reservations which are not inconsistent with any specific provision contained in this subchapter shall apply to the members of the tribe, the tribe, and the reservation.

(b) Restoration of rights and privileges

All rights and privileges of the tribe and members of the tribe under any Federal treaty, Executive order, agreement, statute, or under any other authority of the United States which may have been diminished or lost under the Act approved August 23, 1954 [68 Stat. 768; 25 U.S.C. 721 et seq.], are hereby restored and such subchapter shall not apply to the tribe or to members of the tribe after August 18, 1987.

(c) Federal benefits and services

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the tribe and the members of the tribe shall be eligible, on and after August 18, 1987, for all benefits and services furnished to federally recognized Indian tribes.

(d) Effect on property rights and other obligations

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this subchapter, the enactment of this subchapter shall not affect any property right or obligation or any contractual right or obligation in existence before August 18, 1987, or any obligation for taxes levied before August 18, 1987.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, §203, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 670.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in subsec. (a), popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act, 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.

Act approved August 23, 1954, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original a reference to the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Indians of Texas, and the individual members thereof; and for other purposes" and approved August 23, 1954, which is classified generally to subchapter XXXI (§721 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 734. State and tribal authority

(a) State authority

Nothing in this Act shall affect the power of the State of Texas to enact special legislation benefitting the tribe, and the State is authorized to perform any services benefitting the tribe that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(b) Current constitution and bylaws to remain in effect

Subject to the provisions of section 733(a) of this title, the constitution and bylaws of the tribe on file with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives is hereby declared to be approved for the purposes of section 476 of this title except that all reference to the Texas Indian Commission shall be considered as reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) Authority and capacity of Tribal Council

No provision contained in this subchapter shall affect the power of the Tribal Council to take any action under the constitution and bylaws described in subsection (b) of this section. The Tribal Council shall represent the tribe and its members in the implementation of this subchapter and shall have full authority and capacity—

(1) to enter into contracts, grant agreements, and other arrangements with any Federal department or agency;

(2) to administer or operate any program or activity under or in connection with any such contract, agreement, or arrangement, to enter into subcontracts or award grants to provide for the administration of any such program or activity, or to conduct any other activity under or in connection with any such contract, agreement, or arrangement; and

(3) to bind any tribal governing body selected under any new constitution adopted in accordance with section 735 of this title as the successor in interest to the Tribal Council.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, §204, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 103-437, §10(d), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4589.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 100-89, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 666, known as the Ysleta del Sur

Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act, which enacted this subchapter and subchapter LXXVIII (§1300g et seq.) of this chapter and enacted provisions set out as notes under section 731 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 731 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted "Natural Resources of the House of Representatives" for "Interior and Insular Affairs".

§ 735. Adoption of new constitution and bylaws

Upon written request of the tribal council,¹ the Secretary shall hold an election for the members of the tribe for the purpose of adopting a new constitution and bylaws in accordance with section 476 of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-89, title II, §205, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 671.)

§ 736. Provisions relating to tribal reservation

(a) Federal reservation established

The reservation is hereby declared to be a Federal Indian reservation for the use and benefit of the tribe without regard to whether legal title to such lands is held in trust by the Secretary.

(b) Conveyance of land by State

The Secretary shall—

(1) accept any offer from the State to convey title to any lands held in trust by the State or the Texas Indian Commission for the benefit of the tribe to the Secretary, and

(2) shall hold such title, upon conveyance by the State, in trust for the benefit of the tribe.

(c) Conveyance of land by tribe

At the written request of the Tribal Council, the Secretary shall—

(1) accept conveyance by the tribe of title to any lands within the reservation which are held by the tribe to the Secretary, and

(2) hold such title, upon such conveyance by the tribe, in trust for the benefit of the tribe.

(d) Approval of deed by Attorney General

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the Attorney General of the United States shall approve any deed or other instrument from the State or the tribe which conveys title to lands within the reservation to the United States.

(e) Permanent improvements authorized

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of law, the Secretary or the tribe may erect permanent improvements, improvements of substantial value, or any other improvement authorized by law on the reservation without regard to whether legal title to such lands has been conveyed to the Secretary by the State or the tribe.

(f) Civil and criminal jurisdiction within reservation

The State shall exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction within the boundaries of the reservation as if such State had assumed such jurisdiction

¹ So in original. Probably should be "Tribal Council,".