

tion 1300m-4(b) of this title and be elected in the same manner as are Tribal Council members under the tribal constitution adopted December 18, 1993.

(Pub. L. 103-454, title III, §307, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4795.)

§ 1300m-6. Tribal constitution

(a) Election; time and procedure

Upon the completion of the tribal membership roll under section 1300m-4(a) of this title and upon the written request of the Interim Council, the Secretary shall conduct, by secret ballot, an election for the purpose of adopting a constitution and bylaws for the Tribe. The election shall be held according to section 476 of this title, except that absentee balloting shall be permitted regardless of voter residence.

(b) Election of tribal officials; procedures

Not later than 120 days after the Tribe adopts a constitution and bylaws 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 according to the procedures specified in subsection (a) of this section except to the extent that such procedures conflict with the tribal constitution.

(Pub. L. 103-454, title III, §308, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4795.)

§ 1300m-7. General provision

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

(Pub. L. 103-454, title III, §309, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4796.)

SUBCHAPTER LXXXV—GRATON RANCHERIA RESTORATION

§ 1300n. Findings

The Congress finds that in their 1997 Report to Congress, the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy specifically recommended the immediate legislative restoration of the Graton Rancheria.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1402, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2939.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1401, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2939, provided that: "This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Graton Rancheria Restoration Act'."

§ 1300n-1. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) The term "Tribe" means the Indians of the Graton Rancheria of California.

(2) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) The term "Interim Tribal Council" means the governing body of the Tribe specified in section 1300n-5 of this title.

(4) The term "member" means an individual who meets the membership criteria under section 1300n-4(b) of this title.

(5) The term "State" means the State of California.

(6) The term "reservation" means those lands acquired and held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Tribe.

(7) The term "service area" means the counties of Marin and Sonoma, in the State of California.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title XIV, §1403, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2939.)

§ 1300n-2. Restoration of Federal recognition, rights, and privileges

(a) Federal recognition

Federal recognition is hereby restored to the Tribe. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, all laws and regulations of general application to Indians and nations, tribes, or bands of Indians that are not inconsistent with any specific provision of this subchapter shall be applicable to the Tribe and its members.

(b) Restoration of rights and privileges

Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, all rights and privileges of the Tribe and its members under any Federal treaty, Executive order, agreement, or statute, or under any other authority which were diminished or lost under the Act of August 18, 1958 (Public Law 85-671; 72 Stat. 619), are hereby restored, and the provisions of such Act shall be inapplicable to the Tribe and its members after December 27, 2000.

(c) Federal services and benefits

(1) In general

Without regard to the existence of a reservation, the Tribe and its members shall be eligible, on and after December 27, 2000, for all Federal services and benefits furnished to federally recognized Indian tribes or their members. For the purposes of Federal services and benefits available to members of federally recognized Indian tribes residing on a reservation, members of the Tribe residing in the Tribe's service area shall be deemed to be residing on a reservation.

(2) Relation to other laws

The eligibility for or receipt of services and benefits under paragraph (1) by a tribe or individual shall not be considered as income, resources, or otherwise when determining the eligibility for or computation of any payment or other benefit to such tribe, individual, or household under—

(A) any financial aid program of the United States, including grants and contracts subject to the Indian Self-Determination Act [25 U.S.C. 450f et seq.]; or

(B) any other benefit to which such tribe, household, or individual would otherwise be entitled under any Federal or federally assisted program.

(d) Hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, and water rights

Nothing in this subchapter shall expand, reduce, or affect in any manner any hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, or water rights of the Tribe and its members.