

**§ 1731. Other claims discharged by this subchapter**

Except as expressly provided herein, this subchapter shall constitute a general discharge and release of all obligations of the State of Maine and all of its political subdivisions, agencies, departments, and all of the officers or employees thereof arising from any treaty or agreement with, or on behalf of any Indian nation, or tribe or band of Indians or the United States as trustee therefor, including those actions now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Maine captioned United States of America against State of Maine (Civil Action Nos. 1966-ND and 1969-ND).

(Pub. L. 96-420, §12, Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1796.)

**§ 1732. Limitation of actions**

Except as provided in this subchapter, no provision of this subchapter shall be construed to constitute a jurisdictional act, to confer jurisdiction to sue, or to grant implied consent to any Indian, Indian nation, or tribe or band of Indians to sue the United States or any of its officers with respect to the claims extinguished by the operation of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 96-420, §13, Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1797.)

**§ 1733. Authorization of appropriations**

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$81,500,000 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1980, for transfer to the funds established by section 1724 of this title.

(Pub. L. 96-420, §14, Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1797.)

**§ 1734. Inseparability of provisions**

In the event that any provision of section 1723 of this title is held invalid, it is the intent of Congress that the entire subchapter be invalidated. In the event that any other section or provision of this subchapter is held invalid, it is the intent of Congress that the remaining sections of this subchapter shall continue in full force and effect.

(Pub. L. 96-420, §15, Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1797.)

**§ 1735. Construction**

**(a) Law governing; special legislation**

In the event a conflict of interpretation between the provisions of the Maine Implementing Act and this subchapter should emerge, the provisions of this subchapter shall govern.

**(b) General legislation**

The provisions of any Federal law enacted after October 10, 1980, for the benefit of Indians, Indian nations, or tribes or bands of Indians, which would affect or preempt the application of the laws of the State of Maine, including application of the laws of the State to lands owned by or held in trust for Indians, or Indian nations, tribes, or bands of Indians, as provided in this subchapter and the Maine Implementing Act, shall not apply within the State of Maine, unless such provision of such subsequently enacted Federal law is specifically made applicable within the State of Maine.

(Pub. L. 96-420, §16, Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1797.)

SUBCHAPTER III—FLORIDA INDIAN  
(MICCOSUKEE) LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

PART A—FLORIDA INDIAN LAND CLAIMS  
SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1982

**§ 1741. Congressional findings and declaration of policy**

Congress finds and declares that—

(1) there is pending before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida a lawsuit by the Miccosukee Indian Tribe which involves certain lands within the State of Florida;

(2) the pendency of such lawsuit may result in economic hardships for residents of the State of Florida by clouding the titles to lands in the State, including lands not now involved in the lawsuits;

(3) the pendency of such lawsuit also has clouded the easement rights of the South Florida Water Management District in lands necessary for use as a water flowage and storage area, which is part of a federally authorized project for flood control and water management in central and southern Florida, and which is being used to provide and regulate a water supply for the residents of South Florida;

(4) the State of Florida and the Miccosukee Indian Tribe have executed agreements for the purposes of resolving tribal land claims and settling such lawsuit, which agreements require implementing legislation by the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of the State of Florida; and

(5) Congress shares with the parties to such agreements a desire to settle such Indian claims in the State of Florida without additional cost to the United States.

(Pub. L. 97-399, §2, Dec. 31, 1982, 96 Stat. 2012.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 97-399, §1, Dec. 31, 1982, 96 Stat. 2012, provided: "That this Act [enacting this part] may be cited as the 'Florida Indian Land Claims Settlement Act of 1982'."

**§ 1742. Definitions**

For purposes of this part—

(1) The term "Miccosukee Tribe" means the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, a tribe of American Indians recognized by the United States and organized under section 476 of this title and recognized by the State of Florida pursuant to chapter 285, Florida Statutes.

(2) The term "State of Florida" means the State of Florida, its agencies, political subdivisions, constitutional officers, officials of its agencies and subdivisions, and the South Florida Water Management District.

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

(4) The term "lands or natural resources" means any real property or natural resources, or any interest in or right involving any real property or natural resources including but not limited to minerals and mineral rights, timber and timber rights, water and water rights, and rights to hunt and fish.