

gations were incurred in providing such goods and services.

(Pub. L. 101-301, § 10, May 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 211.)

**§ 15. Utility facilities used in administration of Bureau; contracts for sale, operation, maintenance, repair or relocation of facilities; terms and conditions; exception; Congressional approval**

Except for electric utility systems constructed and operated as a part of an irrigation system, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to contract under such terms and conditions as he considers to be in the best interest of the Federal Government for the sale, operation, maintenance, repairs, or relocation of Government-owned utilities and utility systems and appurtenances used in the administration of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Secretary shall not execute a contract pursuant to this section until he has submitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a copy of the contract and a statement of his reasons for proposing the contract, and until such materials have lain before the Committees for sixty days (excluding the time during which either House is in recess for more than three days) unless prior thereto the Secretary is notified that neither committee has any objection to the proposed contract.

(Pub. L. 87-279, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 577; Pub. L. 103-437, § 10(a), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4588.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives” for “Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives”.

**§ 16. Transportation of Indians in Bureau vehicles**

On and after October 12, 1984, passenger carrying motor vehicles of the Bureau of Indian Affairs may be used for the transportation of Indians.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title I, § 101(c) [title I, § 100], Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1837, 1850.)

**§ 17. Use of Bureau facilities**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior may permit tribal governments and organizations and student organizations to use Bureau of Indian Affairs equipment, land, buildings, and other structures if such use does not interfere with the purpose for which they are administered by the Bureau and when such use benefits Indians or Federal or federally funded programs. The Secretary may charge the user for the cost of the utilities and other expenses incurred for the use. The amounts collected shall be credited to the appropriation or fund from which the expenses are paid and shall be available until the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which collected. The Secretary's decision to not permit a use under this section is final and shall not be subject to judicial review.

**(b) Scope of authority**

The authority provided by this section is in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other authority available to the Secretary of the Interior.

**(c) Limitation of liability**

The payment of any fee, or agreement to pay costs, to the Secretary shall not in any way or to any extent limit the right of the United States to rely upon sovereign immunity or any State or Federal statute limiting liability or damages from injuries sustained in connection with use under this section.

(Pub. L. 100-297, title V, § 5405, Apr. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 417; Pub. L. 100-427, § 25, Sept. 9, 1988, 102 Stat. 1613.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-427, § 25(a), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Secretary of the Interior may permit tribal, student, and other non-Federal organizations to use facilities, lands, and equipment administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs if such use does not interfere with the purpose for which the facilities, land, and equipment are administered by the Bureau. The Secretary of the Interior may charge the user for the actual or estimated additional cost of utilities or other expenses incurred because of the use and the amounts collected shall be credited to the appropriation or fund from which the expenses are paid.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-427, § 25(b), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date and applicability of section, see section 6303 of Pub. L. 100-297, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 1071 of Title 20, Education.

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- 48. Right of tribes to direct employment of persons engaged for them.
- 49 to 52a. Repealed.
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- 54, 55. Repealed.
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- 57. Omitted.

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58. Limitation on number and kind of employment.  
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66. Duties of agency devolved on superintendent of Indian school.  
67 to 68a. Repealed.

**§§ 21, 22. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632, 642**

Section 21, R.S. § 2039, related to the Board of Indian Commissioners.

Section 22, act Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 388, § 1, 37 Stat. 521, authorized the Board of Indian Commissioners to employ and pay a secretary.

**§§ 23, 24. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 23, act May 17, 1882, ch. 163, § 1, 22 Stat. 70, related to the powers and duties of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and was omitted as superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 6145 of May 25, 1933, which abolished the Board and transferred its records, property, and personnel to the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior.

Section 24, R.S. § 2042, related to the investigations by a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and was omitted as superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 6145 of May 25, 1933.

**§ 25. Superintendent for Five Civilized Tribes**

The offices of the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes and superintendent of Union Agency, in Oklahoma, are abolished as of September 1, 1914, and in lieu thereof there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Superintendent for the Five Civilized Tribes, with his office located in the State of Oklahoma, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, and said superintendent shall exercise the authority and perform the duties exercised prior to September 1, 1914, by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and the superintendent of the Union Agency, with authority to reorganize the department and to eliminate all unnecessary clerks, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

(Aug. 1, 1914, ch. 222, § 17, 38 Stat. 598.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 25a. Application of civil service laws**

The position of Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes is included within the competitive classified civil service and shall be subject to civil service laws and rules.

(Mar. 4, 1929, ch. 705, 45 Stat. 1583.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with cer-

tain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 26. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632**

Section, R.S. § 2052, provided for appointment of Indian Agents by the President.

**§ 27. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, R.S. 2062; acts July 13, 1892, ch. 164, § 1, 27 Stat. 120; July 1, 1898, ch. 545, § 1, 30 Stat. 573, authorized the President to require that military officers perform the duties of Indian agents. The services of Indian agents have been dispensed with since 1908. See section 64 of this title and notes thereunder.

**§§ 28 to 31. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632, 634**

Section 28, R.S. § 2056; act May 17, 1882, ch. 163, § 1, 22 Stat. 87, fixed term of office for Indian Agents.

Section 29, R.S. § 2057, provided for a bond by Indian Agents.

Section 30, R.S. § 2060, prescribed limits of residence of Indian Agents.

Section 31, R.S. § 2058, related to duties of Indian Agents.

**§ 32. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 1, 1898, ch. 545, § 1, 30 Stat. 595, required Indian agents to account for funds received and to be responsible for such funds under their official bonds. The services of Indian agents have been dispensed with since 1908. See section 64 of this title and note set out thereunder.

**§ 33. Superintendents in charge of reservations; administration of oath of office**

Superintendents and acting superintendents in charge of Indian reservations, schools, irrigation and allotment projects are authorized and empowered to administer the oath of office required of employees placed under their jurisdiction.

(June 30, 1913, ch. 4, § 1, 38 Stat. 80.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Indian Appropriation Act, 1914.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§§ 34, 35. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632, 642, 650**

Section 34, acts Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, § 8, 37 Stat. 487; June 6, 1939, ch. 185, 53 Stat. 810, authorized the superintendent, acting superintendent, and principal clerks of the different Indian superintendencies or Indian agencies to administer oaths to expense accounts.

Section 35, R.S. § 2064, authorized Indian Agents to take acknowledgements of deeds and to administer oaths.