

(Pub. L. 92-253, §3, Mar. 17, 1972, 86 Stat. 64.)

SUBCHAPTER LXVIII—BLACKFEET AND GROS VENTRE TRIBES: DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUND

**§ 1261. Distribution of funds; attorney fees and expenses**

The funds appropriated by the Act of October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1190, 1198), to pay a judgment to the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana, and the Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana, in Indian Claims Commission docket numbered 279-A, together with interest thereon, after payment of attorney fees, litigation expenses, and the cost of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter, shall be divided by the Secretary of the Interior on the basis of 73.2 per centum to the Blackfeet Tribe and 26.8 per centum to the Gros Ventre Tribe.

(Pub. L. 92-254, §1, Mar. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 64.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of October 21, 1968, referred to in text, is act Oct. 21, 1968, Pub. L. 90-608, 82 Stat. 1190, known as the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1969. Chapter XII of the act set out at 82 Stat. 1198, appropriated the funds referred to and was not classified to the Code.

The Indian Claims Commission, referred to in text, terminated Sept. 30, 1978. See Codification note set out under former section 70 et seq. of this title.

**§ 1262. Membership roll; per capita distribution; minors**

The sum of \$5,671,156 from the funds credited to the Blackfeet Tribe under section 1261 of this title shall be distributed per capita to each person whose name appears on or is entitled to appear on the membership roll of the Blackfeet Tribe, and who was born on or prior to and is living on March 18, 1972. The sum of \$2,100,000 from the funds credited to the Gros Ventre Tribe under section 1261 of this title shall be distributed per capita to all members of the Fort Belknap Community who were born on or prior to and are living on March 18, 1972, and (a) whose names appear on the February 5, 1937, payment roll of the Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Belknap Reservation, or (b) who are descended from a person whose name appears on said roll, if such member possesses a greater degree of Gros Ventre blood than Assiniboine blood. If such member possesses equal quantum of Gros Ventre and Assiniboine blood he may elect to participate in the per capita distribution authorized by this section, in which event he shall not be eligible to participate in any per capita distribution of an Assiniboine judgment. A share or interest payable to enrollees or their heirs or legatees who are less than eighteen years of age or under legal disability shall be paid in accordance with such procedures, including the establishment of trusts, as the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the best interest of such persons.

(Pub. L. 92-254, §2, Mar. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 64.)

**§ 1263. Use of funds; authorization and approval**

The balance of each tribe's share of the funds may be advanced, expended, invested, or rein-

vested for any purposes that are authorized by the respective tribal governing bodies and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 92-254, §3, Mar. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 65.)

**§ 1264. Tax exemption; Social Security eligibility**

None of the funds distributed per capita under the provisions of this subchapter shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes, and the per capita payments shall not be considered as income or resources when determining the extent of eligibility for assistance under the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.]. The provision of this section regarding eligibility for assistance under the Social Security Act is enacted in recognition of unique circumstances applicable to the tribes involved, and shall not be regarded as a precedent or as a general policy for application to other tribes.

(Pub. L. 92-254, §4, Mar. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 65.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in text, is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 7 (§301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

**§ 1265. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 92-254, §5, Mar. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 65.)

SUBCHAPTER LXIX—JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE: DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUND

**§ 1271. Disposition of judgment funds**

The funds appropriated to pay a judgment to the Jicarilla Apache Tribe in Indian Claims Commission docket numbered 22-A, together with the interest thereon, after payment of attorney fees and other litigation expenses, may be advanced, expended, invested, or reinvested for any purpose that is authorized by the tribal governing body and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 92-295, §1, May 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 139.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Claims Commission, referred to in text, terminated Sept. 30, 1978. See Codification note set out under former section 70 et seq. of this title.

**§ 1272. Protection of minors and persons under legal disability**

Sums payable to enrollees or their heirs or legatees who are less than eighteen years of age or who are under a legal disability shall be paid in accordance with such procedures, including the establishment of trusts, as the Secretary of the Interior determines appropriate to protect the best interests of such persons.

(Pub. L. 92-295, §2, May 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 139.)

**§ 1273. Tax exemption**

None of the funds distributed per capita under the provisions of this subchapter shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes.