

but met the requirements that had to be met to be listed on the Paskenta Indian Rancheria list;

(C) such individual is identified as an Indian from Paskenta in any of the official or unofficial rolls of Indians prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or

(D) such individual is a lineal descendant of an individual, living or dead, identified in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

(2) After adoption of a tribal constitution pursuant to section 1300m-6 of this title, such tribal constitution shall govern membership in the Tribe.

**(c) Conclusive proof of Paskenta Indian ancestry**

For the purpose of subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall accept any available evidence establishing Paskenta Indian ancestry. The Secretary shall accept as conclusive evidence of Paskenta Indian ancestry, information contained in the census of the Indians in and near Paskenta, prepared by Special Indian Agent John J. Terrell, in any other roll or census of Paskenta Indians prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and in the Paskenta Indian Rancheria distribution list, compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on February 26, 1959.

(Pub. L. 103-454, title III, §306, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4794.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 85-671, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(A), is Pub. L. 85-671, Aug. 18, 1958, 72 Stat. 619, which is not classified to the Code.

**§ 1300m-5. Interim government**

Until a new tribal constitution and bylaws are adopted and become effective under section 1300m-6 of this title, the Tribe's governing body shall be an Interim Council. The initial membership of the Interim Council shall consist of the members of the Tribal Council of the Tribe on November 2, 1994, and the Interim Council shall continue to operate in the manner prescribed for the Tribal Council under the tribal constitution adopted December 18, 1993. Any new members filling vacancies on the Interim Council shall meet the membership criteria set forth in section 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.