

**§ 1013. Distribution; persons entitled; considerations; tax exemption**

The Secretary shall distribute shares payable to living persons enrolled pursuant to section 1011 of this title and shares payable to the heirs or legatees of deceased persons enrolled pursuant to section 1011 of this title according to rules and regulations which he shall prescribe, taking into account that in some instances a planned individual or group program for the use of shares may more properly serve the long-term interest of the enrollees than would direct, unsupervised per capita payment. The funds so distributed shall not be subject to Federal or State income tax.

(Pub. L. 88-464, § 3, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 563.)

**§ 1014. Costs**

All costs incurred by the Secretary in the preparation of the rolls and in the distribution of payment of pro rata shares in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter shall be paid by appropriate withdrawals from the judgment fund.

(Pub. L. 88-464, § 4, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 563.)

**§ 1015. 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. 88-464, § 5, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 563.)

SUBCHAPTER XLIX—SHAWNEE TRIBE OR NATION: DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUND

**§ 1031. Disposition of funds**

The funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Shawnee Tribe or Nation that were appropriated by the Act of September 30, 1961 (75 Stat. 733), to pay a judgment that was obtained by the tribe or nation in the Indian Claims Commission for inadequate compensation for lands ceded to the United States under the treaty of May 10, 1854 (10 Stat. 1053), and the interest thereon, shall be divided on the basis of 514/1378ths to the Absentee Band of Shawnee Indians of Oklahoma; 747/1378ths to the Cherokee Band of Shawnee Indians of Oklahoma; and 117/1378ths to the Eastern Band of Shawnee Indians of Oklahoma, after payment of attorney fees and expenses of litigation.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 1, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 555.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of September 30, 1961, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 87-332, Sept. 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 733. That portion of the act which appropriated the funds referred to 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.

**§ 1032. Absentee and Eastern Bands; authorization for use of funds by tribal governing bodies; approval of Secretary of the Interior**

The funds placed to the credit of the Absentee and the Eastern Bands of Shawnee Indians in

the United States Treasury, and the interest thereon may be advanced or expended for any purpose and in such manner as the respective tribal governing bodies authorize and the Secretary of the Interior approves.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 2, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 555.)

**§ 1033. Cherokee Band; preparation of roll; eligibility for enrollment; rules and regulations**

For the purpose of determining individual interests in the funds placed to the credit of the Cherokee Band of Shawnee Indians pursuant to section 1031 of this title, the Secretary shall prepare a new roll based on the roll of Cherokee Shawnees prepared in accordance with the Act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stat. 994). Eligible for inclusion on this new payment roll shall be all persons living on August 20, 1964, (a) who are, themselves, listed on the 1889 roll and (b) who are direct lineal descendants of persons listed on the 1889 roll. The Secretary may promulgate such rules and regulations as he considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 3, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 555.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of March 2, 1889, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1889, ch. 412, 25 Stat. 994. Provisions of the act relating to roll of the Cherokee Shawnee were not classified to the Code.

**§ 1034. Cherokee Band; per capita distribution**

When the roll prepared pursuant to section 1033 of this title has been completed and finally approved, the Secretary shall withdraw from the Treasury the funds placed to the credit of the Cherokee Band of Shawnee Indians in accordance with section 1031 of this title, together with the interest accumulated thereon, and shall distribute them in equal per capita shares to persons whose names appear on the roll: *Provided*, That no person who receives a per capita payment from funds credited to the Cherokee Band of Shawnee Indians shall be permitted to share in any per capita distribution of the funds credited to the Absentee and Eastern Bands of Shawnee Indians.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 4, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 555.)

**§ 1035. Distribution of shares**

**(a) Payments to enrollees, next of kin, or legatees**

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall distribute a per capita share payable to a living enrollee directly to such enrollee, and the Secretary shall distribute a per capita share payable to a deceased enrollee directly to his next of kin or legatees upon proof of death and inheritance satisfactory to the Secretary, whose findings upon such proof shall be final and conclusive.

**(b) Payments to minors or persons under legal disability**

A share payable to a person under twenty-one years of age or to a person under legal disability shall be paid in accordance with such procedures as the Secretary determines will adequately protect the best interests of such persons.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 5, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 555.)

**§ 1036. Taxes**

No part of any of the funds distributed in accordance with this subchapter shall be subject to Federal or State income tax.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 6, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 556.)

**§ 1037. Costs**

All costs incurred by the Secretary in the preparation of the roll and in the payment of the per capita shares in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter shall be paid by withdrawals from the judgment fund of the appropriate band.

(Pub. L. 88-457, § 7, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 556.)

**§ 1038. 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. 88-457, § 8, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 556.)

SUBCHAPTER XLIX-A—SHAWNEE TRIBE  
STATUS

**§ 1041. Findings**

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Cherokee Shawnees, also known as the Loyal Shawnees, are recognized as the descendants of the Shawnee Tribe which was incorporated into the Cherokee Nation of Indians of Oklahoma pursuant to an agreement entered into by and between the Shawnee Tribe and the Cherokee Nation on June 7, 1869, and approved by the President on June 9, 1869, in accordance with Article XV of the July 19, 1866, Treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Nation (14 Stat. 799).

(2) The Shawnee Tribe from and after its incorporation and its merger with the Cherokee Nation has continued to maintain the Shawnee Tribe's separate culture, language, religion, and organization, and a separate membership roll.

(3) The Shawnee Tribe and the Cherokee Nation have concluded that it is in the best interests of the Shawnee Tribe and the Cherokee Nation that the Shawnee Tribe be restored to its position as a separate federally recognized Indian tribe and all current and historical responsibilities, jurisdiction, and sovereignty as it relates to the Shawnee Tribe, the Cherokee-Shawnee people, and their properties everywhere, provided that civil and criminal jurisdiction over Shawnee individually owned restricted and trust lands, Shawnee tribal trust lands, dependent Indian communities, and all other forms of Indian country within the jurisdictional territory of the Cherokee Nation and located within the State of Oklahoma shall remain with the Cherokee Nation, unless consent is obtained by the Shawnee Tribe from the Cherokee Nation to assume all or any portion of such jurisdiction.

(4) On August 12, 1996, the Tribal Council of the Cherokee Nation unanimously adopted Resolution 96-09 supporting the termination by the Secretary of the Interior of the 1869 Agreement.

(5) On July 23, 1996, the Shawnee Tribal Business Committee concurred in such resolution.

(6) On March 13, 2000, a second resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Cherokee Nation (Resolution 15-00) supporting the submission of this legislation to Congress for enactment.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title VII, § 702, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2913.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-568, title VII, § 701, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2913, provided that: "This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Shawnee Tribe Status Act of 2000'."

**§ 1041a. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) Cherokee Nation**

The term "Cherokee Nation" means the Cherokee Nation, with its headquarters located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

**(2) Secretary**

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

**(3) Tribe**

The term "Tribe" means the Shawnee Tribe, known also as the "Loyal Shawnee" or "Cherokee Shawnee", which was a party to the 1869 Agreement between the Cherokee Nation and the Shawnee Tribe of Indians.

**(4) Trust land**

The term "trust land" means land, the title to which is held by the United States in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe or individual.

**(5) Restricted land**

The term "restricted land" means any land, the title to which is held in the name of an Indian or Indian tribe subject to restrictions by the United States against alienation.

(Pub. L. 106-568, title VII, § 703, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2913.)

**§ 1041b. Federal recognition, trust relationship, and program eligibility****(a) Federal recognition**

The Federal recognition of the Tribe and the trust relationship between the United States and the Tribe are hereby reaffirmed. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967; 25 U.S.C. 501 et seq.) (commonly known as the "Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act"), and all laws and rules of law of the United States of general application to Indians, Indian tribes, or Indian reservations which are not inconsistent with this subchapter shall apply to the Tribe, and to its members and lands. The Tribe is hereby recognized as an independent tribal entity, separate from the Cherokee Nation or any other Indian tribe.

**(b) Program eligibility****(1) In general**

Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the Tribe and its members are eligible for all special programs and services provided by the