

ever, the Secretary shall accept as conclusive evidence of Coquille ancestry information contained in the Coquille roll compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 29, 1960, and as conclusive evidence of Indian blood quantum the information contained in the January 1, 1940, census roll of nonreservation Indians of the Grand Ronde-Siletz Agency.

(Pub. L. 101-42, §7, June 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 93.)

#### § 715f. Interim government

Until a new tribal constitution and bylaws are adopted and become effective under section 715g 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 Coquille Tribe on June 28, 1989, and the Interim Council shall continue to operate in the manner prescribed for the Tribal Council under the tribal bylaws adopted on April 23, 1979. Any new members filling vacancies on the Interim Council must meet the criteria for enrollment in section 715e(b) of this title and be elected in the same manner as are Tribal Council members under the April 23, 1979, bylaws.

(Pub. L. 101-42, §8, June 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 93.)

#### § 715g. Tribal constitution

##### (a) Election; time and procedure

Upon the completion of the tribal membership roll 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 for the Tribe. Absentee balloting shall be permitted regardless of voter residence. In every other regard, the election shall be held according to section 476 of this title.

##### (b) Election of tribal officials; procedures

Not later than one hundred and twenty days after the Tribe adopts a constitution and bylaws, the Secretary shall conduct an election by secret ballot for the purpose of electing tribal officials as provided in the tribal constitution. Said election shall be conducted according to the procedures stated in paragraph<sup>1</sup> (a) of this section except to the extent that said procedures conflict with the tribal constitution.

(Pub. L. 101-42, §9, June 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 93.)

#### § 715h. Land and interests of Coquille Indian Tribe, Oregon

##### (a) In general

Subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) notwithstanding any other provision of law (including regulations), the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon (including any agent or instrumentality of the Tribe) (referred to in this section as the "Tribe"), may transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey, without further authorization or approval, all or any part of the Tribe's interest in any real property that is not held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

##### (b) Nonapplicability to certain conveyances

Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any transfer, encumbrance, lease, or other con-

veyance of any land or interest in land of the Tribe that occurred before January 1, 2007.

##### (c) Effect of section

Nothing in this section is intended to authorize the Tribe to transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise convey, any lands, or any interest in any lands, that are held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.

##### (d) Liability

The United States shall not be held liable to any party (including the Tribe or any agent or instrumentality of the Tribe) for any term of, or any loss resulting from the term of any transfer, lease, encumbrance, or conveyance of land made pursuant to this section unless the United States or an agent or instrumentality of the United States is a party to the transaction or the United States would be liable pursuant to any other provision of law. This subsection shall not apply to land transferred or conveyed by the Tribe to the United States to be held in trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

(Pub. L. 110-75, §1, Aug. 13, 2007, 121 Stat. 724.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Coquille Restoration Act, which comprises this subchapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER XXXI—ALABAMA AND COUSHATTA INDIANS OF TEXAS: TERMINATION OF FEDERAL SUPERVISION

#### § 721. Transfer of property to Texas

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to convey to the State of Texas the lands held in trust by the United States for the tribe of Indians organized and known as the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, located in Polk County, Texas; and such tribe is authorized to convey to the State of Texas the lands purchased for and deeded to the Alabama Indians in accordance with an act of the legislature of the State of Texas approved February 3, 1854, located in Polk County, Texas. All of the lands so conveyed shall be held by the State of Texas in trust for the benefit of the Indians of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, subject to such conditions regarding management and use as the State of Texas may prescribe and the disposition of such lands shall be subject to approval of a majority of the adult members of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas.

(Aug. 23, 1954, ch. 831, §1, 68 Stat. 768.)

#### § 722. Termination of Federal trust; publication; termination of Federal services; admission to hospitals and schools

Upon the conveyance to the State of Texas of the lands held in trust by the United States for the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register a proclamation declaring that the Federal trust relationship to such tribe and its members has terminated. Thereafter such tribe and its members shall not be entitled to any of the services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians: *Provided*, That after August 21, 1954 such Indians shall be eligible for admission, on the

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "subsection".