

Fort Peck Reservation, Montana, to be expended for any purpose designated by the tribe and approved by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 91-283, §2, June 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 313.)

§ 1203. Protection of minors and persons under legal disability

Sums payable to enrollees or their heirs or legatees who are less than twenty-one 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. 91-283, §3, June 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 313.)

§ 1204. Tax exemption

The funds distributed under the provisions of this subchapter shall not be subject to Federal or State income taxes.

(Pub. L. 91-283, §4, June 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 313.)

§ 1205. Amount of agreed contribution to joint account for expenditure for official salaries and expenses of Fort Peck Tribes; discretionary per capita distributions

Upon agreement by the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe and the Fort Peck Assiniboine Tribe on the amount each agrees to contribute from any award to each tribe in Indian Claims Commission Docket No. 279A, the agreed contribution of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe shall be withdrawn from the \$50,000, and interest thereon, withheld from per capita distribution pursuant to section 1201 of this title, and credited to the joint account for expenditure pursuant to the Act of June 29, 1954 (68 Stat. 329): *Provided*, That upon request of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion may distribute all or part of the aforesaid \$50,000 and interest thereon per capita to each person eligible under section 1201 of this title.

(Pub. L. 91-283, §5, June 19, 1970, 84 Stat. 313.)

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.

Act of June 29, 1954, referred to in text, is act June 29, 1954, ch. 421, 68 Stat. 329, which was not classified to the Code.

SUBCHAPTER LXIII—TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIANS OF ALASKA

§ 1211. Distribution of fund; authorized spending; tax exemption

The unexpended funds and interest thereon on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of and otherwise invested by the Secretary of the Interior for the account of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska which were appropriated by the Act of July 9, 1968 (82 Stat. 307), to pay the judgment of the Court of Claims in the case entitled, *The Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, et al. versus The United States*, numbered 47900, after payment of attorney fees and expenses, may be advanced, expended, invested or used for any purpose and in any man-

ner authorized by the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Any of such funds that may be distributed under the provisions of this subchapter shall not be subject to Federal or State income taxes.

(Pub. L. 91-335, July 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 431.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of July 9, 1968, referred to in text, is act July 9, 1968, Pub. L. 90-392, 82 Stat. 307, known as the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1968. That portion of the act which appropriated the funds referred to was not classified to the Code.

The Court of Claims, referred to in text, and the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals were merged effective Oct. 1, 1982, into a new United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by Pub. L. 97-164, Apr. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 25, which also created a United States Claims Court [now United States Court of Federal Claims] that inherited the trial jurisdiction of the Court of Claims. See sections 48, 171 et seq., 791 et seq., and 1491 et seq. of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 1212. Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the United States has acknowledged the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska pursuant to the Act of June 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 388, as amended, commonly referred to as the "Jurisdiction Act"), as a federally recognized Indian tribe;

(2) on October 21, 1993, the Secretary of the Interior published a list of federally recognized Indian tribes pursuant to part 83 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations which omitted the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska;

(3) the Secretary does not have the authority to terminate the federally recognized status of an Indian tribe as determined by Congress;

(4) the Secretary may not administratively diminish the privileges and immunities of federally recognized Indian tribes without the consent of Congress; and

(5) the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska continues to be a federally recognized Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 103-454, title II, §202, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4792.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 19, 1935, referred to in par. (1), is act June 19, 1935, ch. 275, 49 Stat. 388, as amended, which is not classified to the Code.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 103-454, title II, §201, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4792, provided that: "This title [enacting this section and sections 1213 to 1215 of this title] may be cited as the 'Tlingit and Haida Status Clarification Act'."

§ 1213. Reaffirmation of tribal status

The Congress reaffirms and acknowledges that the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska is a federally recognized Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 103-454, title II, §203, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4792.)