

**§ 2207. Full faith and credit to tribal actions under tribal ordinances limiting descent and distribution of trust or restricted or controlled lands**

The Secretary in carrying out his responsibility to regulate the descent and distribution of trust lands under section 372 of this title, and other laws, shall give full faith and credit to any tribal actions taken pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 2205 of this title, which provision shall apply only to estates of decedent's whose deaths occur on or after the effective date of tribal ordinances adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(Pub. L. 97-459, title II, §208, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2519; Pub. L. 106-462, title I, §103(5), Nov. 7, 2000, 114 Stat. 1999.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-462 substituted “subsections (a) and (b) of section 2205” for “section 2205”.

**§ 2208. Conveyancing authority upon sale or exchange of tribal lands; removal of trust status of individually owned lands**

The Secretary shall have the authority to issue deeds, patents, or such other instruments of conveyance needed to effectuate a sale or exchange of tribal lands made pursuant to the terms of this chapter and to remove, at the request of an Indian owner, the trust status of individually held lands or interests therein, where authorized by law.

(Pub. L. 97-459, title II, §209, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2519.)

**§ 2209. Trusteeship title of United States for any Indian or Indian tribe**

Title to any land acquired under this chapter by any Indian or Indian tribe shall be taken in trust by the United States for that Indian or Indian tribe.

(Pub. L. 97-459, title II, §210, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2519.)

**§ 2210. Tax exemption**

All lands or interests in land acquired by the United States for an Indian or Indian tribe under authority of this chapter shall be exempt from Federal, State and local taxation.

(Pub. L. 97-459, title II, §211, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2519.)

**§ 2211. Governing body of tribe; construction of chapter as not vesting with authority not authorized by tribal constitution or by-laws**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as vesting the governing body of an Indian tribe with any authority which is not authorized by the constitution and by-laws or other organizational document of such tribe.

(Pub. L. 97-459, title II, §212, as added Pub. L. 98-608, §1(5), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3173.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, which was translated as reading “this

title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 97-459, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**§ 2212. Fractional interest acquisition program**

**(a) Acquisition by Secretary**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may acquire, at the discretion of the Secretary and with the consent of the owner, or from an heir during probate in accordance with section 2206(o) of this title and at fair market value, any fractional interest in trust or restricted lands.

**(2) Authority of Secretary**

The Secretary shall submit the report required under section 2217 of this title concerning how the fractional interest acquisition program should be enhanced to increase the resources made available to Indian tribes and individual Indian landowners.

**(3) Interests held in trust**

Subject to section 2213 of this title, the Secretary shall immediately hold interests acquired under this chapter in trust for the recognized tribal government that exercises jurisdiction over the land involved.

**(b) Requirements**

In implementing subsection (a), the Secretary—

(1) shall promote the policies provided for in section 102 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000;

(2) may give priority to the acquisition of fractional interests representing 2 percent or less of a parcel of trust or restricted land, especially those interests that would have escheated to a tribe but for the Supreme Court's decision in *Babbitt v. Youpee* (117 S<sup>1</sup> Ct. 727 (1997));

(3) to the extent practicable—

(A) shall consult with the tribal government that exercises jurisdiction over the land involved in determining which tracts to acquire on a reservation;

(B) shall coordinate the acquisition activities with the acquisition program of the tribal government that exercises jurisdiction over the land involved, including a tribal land consolidation plan approved pursuant to section 2203 of this title; and

(C) may enter into agreements (such agreements will not be subject to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1974 [25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.]) with the tribal government that exercises jurisdiction over the land involved or a subordinate entity of the tribal government to carry out some or all of the Secretary's land acquisition program; and

(4) shall minimize the administrative costs associated with the land acquisition program through the use of policies and procedures designed to accommodate the voluntary sale of interests under this section, notwithstanding the existence of any otherwise applicable policy, procedure, or regulation, through the elimination of duplicate—

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.