

**§ 353. Sections inapplicable to certain tribes**

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the Osage Indians, nor to the Five Civilized Tribes, in Oklahoma. Where deeds to tribal lands in the Five Civilized Tribes have been or may be issued, in pursuance of any tribal agreement or Act of Congress, to a person who had died, or who dies before the approval of such deed, the title to the land designated therein shall inure to and become vested in the heirs, devisees, or assigns of such deceased grantee as if the deed had issued to the deceased grantee during life.

(June 25, 1910, ch. 431, §§ 32, 33, 36 Stat. 863.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act June 25, 1910, ch. 431, 36 Stat. 855, which enacted sections 47, 93, 151, 202, 337, 344a, 351, 352, 353, 372, 403, 406, 407, and 408 of this title, section 6a-1 of former Title 41, Public Contracts, and section 148 of Title 43, Public Lands, and amended sections 191, 312, 331, 333, and 336 of this title and sections 104 and 107 of former Title 18, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure. Sections 104 and 107 of former Title 18 were repealed and restated as sections 1853 and 1856 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, by act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 683. Section 6a-1 of former Title 41 was repealed and restated as section 6102(e) of Title 41, Public Contracts, by Pub. L. 111-350, §§ 3, 7(b), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677, 3855. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

## CODIFICATION

The first and second sentences are from sections 33 and 32, respectively of act June 25, 1910.

**§ 354. Lands not liable for debts prior to final patent**

No lands acquired under the provisions of this Act shall, in any event, become liable to the satisfaction of any debt contracted prior to the issuing of the final patent in fee therefor.

(Feb. 8, 1887, ch. 119, as added June 21, 1906, ch. 3504, 34 Stat. 327.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act Feb. 8, 1887, ch. 119, 24 Stat. 388, as amended, and is popularly known as the Indian General Allotment Act. For classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 331 of this title and Tables.

**§ 355. Laws applicable to lands of full-blooded members of Five Civilized Tribes**

The lands of full-blooded members of any of the Five Civilized Tribes are made subject to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, providing for the partition of real estate. Any land allotted in such proceedings to a full-blood Indian, or conveyed to him upon his election to take the same at the appraisal, shall remain subject to all restrictions upon alienation and taxation obtaining prior to such partition. In case of a sale under any decree, or partition, the conveyance thereunder shall operate to relieve the land described of all restrictions of every character.

(June 14, 1918, ch. 101, § 2, 40 Stat. 606.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

CHOCTAW TRIBE; SALE OF LANDS AND INTERESTS THEREIN; TRANSFER TO TRIBAL CORPORATION OR FOUNDATION; PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

Pub. L. 91-386, § 1, Aug. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 828, repealed Pub. L. 86-192, §§ 1-12, Aug. 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 420, as amended by Pub. L. 87-609, §§ 1, 2, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 405; Pub. L. 89-107, Aug. 4, 1965, 79 Stat. 432; Pub. L. 90-476, Aug. 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 703, which provided for termination of Federal supervision over affairs of the Choctaw Tribe, including termination of eligibility of individual Choctaw members for certain Federal services and benefits provided Indians because of their status as Indians; authority to establish a trustee, corporation, or other legal entity under State law as a successor in interest to the tribal entity; and authority for Secretary of the Interior to sell land and interest in land owned by the Choctaw Tribe for benefit of the tribe, to convey to the successor entity certain lands and mineral interests of the Choctaw Tribe, and to distribute per capita funds held by the United States for benefit of the Choctaw Tribe.

Pub. L. 91-386, § 2, Aug. 20, 1970, 84 Stat. 828, provided that: "Repeal of the Act of August 25, 1959 [see note above] shall not be construed to abrogate, impair, annul, or otherwise affect any right or interest which may have vested under the provisions of said Act nor shall repeal affect any legal action pending on the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 24, 1970]."

## EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS ON LANDS

Act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 786, 69 Stat. 666, as amended by Pub. L. 115-399, § 4(1), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5333, provided for application to Secretary of the Interior for removal of restrictions against alienation, lease, mortgage, or other encumbrance of land; authorized the Secretary, without application, to remove restrictions on lands of Indians who are able to manage their own affairs; permitted proceeding in county court where Secretary disapproved or failed to either approve or disapprove the application for removal; granted right of appeal; required Secretary to turn over full ownership and control of any money and property held in trust when an order removing restrictions becomes effective; and, continued existing exemptions from taxation that constitute a vested property right.

[Pub. L. 115-399, § 4(1), which amended act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. "768", by repealing the first section, was executed to act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 786, see above, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.]

RESTRICTION ON ALIENATION OF CERTAIN LANDS; APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE; JURISDICTION OF OKLAHOMA STATE COURTS; TAX EXEMPTION

Pub. L. 115-399, § 5, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5333, provided that: "Nothing in this Act [see Short Title of 2018 Amendment note set out under section 331 of this title], or the amendments made by this Act, shall be construed to revise or extend the restricted status of any lands under the Act of August 4, 1947 (61 Stat. 731, chapter 458) [see below] that lost restricted status under such Act before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 31, 2018]."

Act Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 458, 61 Stat. 731, as amended by act Aug. 12, 1953, ch. 409, § 2, 67 Stat. 558; Pub. L. 115-399, §§ 2, 3, 4(2), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5331-5333, provided that certain restrictions on alienation of land were extended until an Act of Congress determined otherwise, including interests in estates of decedent Indians who died before Dec. 31, 2018; clarified the laws relating to the approval of conveyances of restricted lands; defined the jurisdiction of Oklahoma State courts over certain classes of Indian litigation; set out the procedure governing the removal of cases to the Federal courts and authorized appeals from orders of remand; preserved the right to seek removal of restrictions; preserved land transactions entered into before Dec. 31, 2018; and limited the tax-exempt acreage of restricted Indian lands.