

SAVINGS PROVISION

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JUNEAU INDIAN VILLAGE TOWNSITE

Pub. L. 88-34, May 29, 1963, 77 Stat. 52, which provided that sections 733 to 736 of this title were extended and made applicable to all lands of the Juneau Indian Village of Alaska, including uplands and filled in tidelands occupied on May 29, 1963, was repealed by section 703(a) of Pub. L. 94-579.

§ 737. Unrestricted deeds for townsite lands held by Alaska natives

The trustee or trustees to whom a patent has been issued for a townsite surveyed pursuant to section 732 or 735¹ of this title, upon a finding by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative that any Alaska native who claims and occupies a tract of land within such townsite is competent to manage his own affairs and has petitioned the Secretary or his authorized representative for an unrestricted deed, or² shall issue to such native an unrestricted deed, and thereafter all restrictions as to sale, encumbrance, or taxation of said lands shall be removed, but said land shall not be liable to the satisfaction of any debt, except obligations owed the Federal Government, contracted prior to the issuing of such deed.

(Feb. 26, 1948, ch. 72, 62 Stat. 35.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 732 and 735 of this title, referred to in text, were repealed by Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, §703(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2789.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 355e of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 738. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, § 703(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2789

Section, act July 24, 1947, ch. 305, 61 Stat. 414, related to promulgation of zoning laws in Alaska. Section was formerly classified to section 364 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, §703(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2789, provided that the repeal made by section 703(a) is effective on and after Oct. 21, 1976.

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CHAPTER 18—SURVEY OF PUBLIC LANDS

Sec.	
751.	Rules of survey.
751a.	Survey system extended to Alaska.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original.

Sec.	
751b.	Surveys in Nome and Fairbanks districts.
752.	Boundaries and contents of public lands; how ascertained.
753.	Lines of division of half quarter sections; how run.
754 to 756.	Repealed.
757.	Cost of survey of private land claims to be reported and paid.
758.	Delivery of patent contingent on refund of cost of survey.
759.	Survey for and by settlers in township.
760.	Deposit for expenses deemed an appropriation.
761.	Repayment of excess of deposits to cover cost of surveys of mineral lands.
762.	Deposits made by settlers for surveys to go in part payment of lands.
763.	Deposits in Louisiana applicable to resurveys.
764, 765.	Repealed.
766.	Geological surveys, extension of public surveys, expenses of subdividing.
767 to 769.	Repealed.
770.	Rectangular mode of survey; departure from.
771.	Repealed.
772.	Resurveys or retracements to mark boundaries of undisposed lands.
773.	Resurveys or retracements of township lines, etc.
774.	Protection of surveyor by marshal.
775.	Omitted.

§ 751. Rules of survey

The public lands shall be divided by north and south lines run according to the true meridian, and by others crossing them at right angles, so as to form townships of six miles square, unless where the line of an Indian reservation, or of tracts of land surveyed or patented prior to May 18, 1796, or the course of navigable rivers, may render this impracticable; and in that case this rule must be departed from no further than such particular circumstances require.

Second. The corners of the townships must be marked with progressive numbers from the beginning; each distance of a mile between such corners must be also distinctly marked with marks different from those of the corners.

Third. The township shall be subdivided into sections, containing, as nearly as may be, six hundred and forty acres each, by running parallel lines through the same from east to west and from south to north at the distance of one mile from each other, and marking corners at the distance of each half mile. The sections shall be numbered, respectively, beginning with the number one in the northeast section and proceeding west and east alternately through the township with progressive numbers, until the thirty-six be completed.

Fourth. The deputy surveyors, respectively, shall cause to be marked on a tree near each corner established in the manner described, and within the section, the number of such section, and over it the number of the township within which such section may be; and the deputy surveyors shall carefully note, in their respective field books, the names of the corner trees marked and the numbers so made.

Fifth. Where the exterior lines of the townships which may be subdivided into sections or half-sections exceed, or do not extend six miles, the excess or deficiency shall be specially noted, and added to or deducted from the western and