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United States of America
AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four

An Act

To provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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TITLE II--AUBURN INDIAN RESTORATION

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the 'Auburn Indian Restoration Act'.

SEC. 202. RESTORATION OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES.

(a) FEDERAL RECOGNITION- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Federal recognition is hereby extended to the Tribe. Except as otherwise provided in this title, all laws and regulations of general application to Indians or nations, tribes, or bands of Indians that are not inconsistent with any specific provision of this title shall be applicable to the Tribe and its members.

(b) RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES- Except as provided in subsection (d), all rights and privileges of the Tribe and its members under any Federal treaty, Executive order, agreement, or statute, or under any other authority which were diminished or lost under the Act of August 18, 1958 (Public Law 85-671), are hereby restored and the provisions of such Act shall be inapplicable to the Tribe and its members after the date of enactment of this title.

(c) FEDERAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS- Notwithstanding any other provision of law and without regard to the existence of a reservation, the Tribe and its members shall be eligible, on and after the date of enactment of this title, for all Federal services and benefits furnished to federally recognized Indian tribes or their members. In the case of Federal services available to members of federally recognized Indian tribes residing on a reservation, members of the Tribe residing in the Tribe's service area shall be deemed to be residing on a reservation.

(d) HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, AND WATER RIGHTS- Nothing in this title shall expand, reduce, or affect in any manner any hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, or water right of the Tribe and its members.

(e) INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT APPLICABILITY- The Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), shall be applicable to the Tribe and its members.

(f) CERTAIN RIGHTS NOT ALTERED- Except as specifically provided in this title, nothing in this title shall alter any property right or obligation, any contractual right or obligation, or any obligation for taxes levied.

SEC. 203. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(a) PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- The Secretary shall--

(1) enter into negotiations with the governing body of the Tribe with respect to establishing a plan for economic development for the Tribe;

(2) in accordance with this section and not later than 2 years after the adoption of a tribal constitution as provided in section 107, develop such a plan; and

(3) upon the approval of such plan by the governing body of the Tribe, submit such plan to the Congress.

(b) RESTRICTIONS- Any proposed transfer of real property contained in the plan developed by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be consistent with the requirements of section 104.

SEC. 204. TRANSFER OF LAND TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

(a) LANDS TO BE TAKEN IN TRUST- The Secretary shall accept any real property located in Placer County, California, for the benefit of the Tribe if conveyed or otherwise transferred to the Secretary if, at the time of such conveyance or transfer, there are no adverse legal claims on such property, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or taxes owed. The Secretary may accept any additional acreage in the Tribe's service area pursuant to the authority of the Secretary under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) FORMER TRUST LANDS OF THE AUBURN RANCHERIA- Subject to the conditions specified in this section, real property eligible for trust status under this section shall include fee land held by the White Oak Ridge Association, Indian owned fee land held communally pursuant to the distribution plan prepared and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 13, 1959, and Indian owned fee land held by persons listed as distributees or dependent members in such distribution plan or such distributees' or dependent members' Indian heirs or successors in interest.

(c) LANDS TO BE PART OF THE RESERVATION- Subject to the conditions imposed by this section, any real property conveyed or transferred under this section shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Tribe or, as applicable, an individual member of the Tribe, and shall be part of the Tribe's reservation.

SEC. 205. MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

(a) COMPILATION OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL- Within 1 year after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the Tribe, compile a membership roll of the Tribe.

(b) CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENTS- (1) Until a tribal constitution is adopted pursuant to section 207, an individual shall be placed on the membership roll if the individual is living, is not an enrolled member of another federally recognized Indian tribe, is of United Auburn Indian Community ancestry, possesses at least one-eighth or more of Indian blood quantum, and if--

(A) the individual's name was listed on the Auburn Indian Rancheria distribution roll compiled and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 13, 1959, pursuant to Public Law 85-671;

(B) the individual was not listed on, but met the requirements that had to be met to be listed on, the Auburn Indian Rancheria distribution list compiled and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 13, 1959, pursuant to Public Law 85-671; or

(C) the individual is a lineal descendant of an individual, living or dead, identified in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(2) After adoption of a tribal constitution pursuant to section 207, such tribal constitution shall govern membership in the Tribe, except that in addition to meeting any other criteria imposed in such tribal constitution, any person added to the membership roll shall be of United Auburn Indian Community ancestry and shall not be an enrolled member of another federally recognized Indian tribe.

(c) CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY ANCESTRY- For the purpose of subsection (b), the Secretary shall accept any available evidence establishing United Auburn Indian Community ancestry. The Secretary shall accept as conclusive evidence of United Auburn Indian Community ancestry information contained in the Auburn Indian Rancheria distribution list compiled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 13, 1959.

SEC. 206. INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

Until a new tribal constitution and bylaws are adopted and become effective under section 207, the Tribe's governing body shall be an Interim Council. The initial membership of the Interim Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Council of the Tribe on the date of the enactment of this title, and the Interim Council shall continue to operate in the manner prescribed for the Executive Council under the tribal constitution adopted July 20, 1991, as long as such constitution is not contrary to Federal law. Any new members filling vacancies on the Interim council shall meet the enrollment criteria set forth in section 205(b) and be elected in the same manner as are Executive Council members under the tribal constitution adopted July 20, 1991.

SEC. 207. TRIBAL CONSTITUTION.

(a) ELECTION; TIME AND PROCEDURE- Upon the completion of the tribal membership roll under section 205(a) 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 and bylaws for the Tribe. The election shall be held according to section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 476), except that absentee balloting shall be permitted regardless of voter residence.

(b) ELECTION OF TRIBAL OFFICIALS; PROCEDURES- Not later than 120 days after the Tribe adopts a constitution and bylaws under subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct an election by secret ballot for the purpose of electing tribal officials as provided in such tribal constitution. Such election shall be conducted according to the procedures specified in subsection (a) except to the extent that such procedures conflict with the tribal constitution.

SEC. 208. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this title:

- (1) The term `Tribe' means the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California.
- (2) The term `Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (3) The term `Interim Council' means the governing body of the Tribe specified in section 206.
- (4) The term `member' means those persons meeting the enrollment criteria under section 205(b).
- (5) The term `State' means the State of California.
- (6) The term `reservation' means those lands acquired and held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Tribe pursuant to section 204.
- (7) The term `service area' means the counties of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, El Dorado, and Sacramento, in the State of California.

SEC. 209. REGULATIONS.

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.