

of this Act, or to establish a marketable and recordable title to any property disposed of pursuant to this Act.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 27. The Secretary is authorized to issue rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act, and may, in his discretion, provide for tribal or group referenda on matters pertaining to management or disposition of tribal or group assets.

Agreements.

SEC. 28. Whenever any action pursuant to the provisions of this Act requires the agreement of the mixed-blood and full-blood groups and such agreement cannot be reached, the Secretary is authorized to proceed in any manner deemed by him to be in the best interests of both groups.

Separability.

SEC. 29. All Acts, or parts of Acts, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed insofar as they affect the tribe or its members.

SEC. 30. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 672

CHAPTER 1010

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 1843]

To increase the retired pay of certain members of the former Lighthouse Service.

Lighthouse Service.
Retired pay.
40 Stat. 608.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the annual rate of retired pay received by any person who was retired on or before June 30, 1953, under section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918, as amended and supplemented (33 U. S. C., secs. 763-765), shall be increased, effective on the first day of the calendar month following enactment of this Act, by 15 per centum or \$264, whichever is the lesser: *Provided*, That no retired pay shall be increased to an amount in excess of \$2,160 by reason of this Act: *And provided further*, That the increases provided herein shall terminate, without subsequent resumption, on June 30, 1955.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 673

CHAPTER 1011

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 3419]

To authorize a \$50 per capita payment to members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber on the Red Lake Reservation.

Chippewa Indians.
Per capita payment to Red Lake Band.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to withdraw as much as may be necessary from the fund on deposit in the Treasury of the United States arising from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber within the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota, according to the provisions of the Act of May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. 137), to the credit of the Red Lake Indians in Minnesota, and to pay therefrom \$50 to each member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota who is living at the date of enactment of this Act. Such payment shall be made in two installments of \$25 each, the first to be made within thirty days of ratification by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota as provided for in section 2 of this Act, the second installment ninety days thereafter, and under such other rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

SEC. 2. No money paid to Indians under this Act shall be subject to any lien or claim of attorneys or other persons. Before any payment is made under this Act, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota shall, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, ratify and accept the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. Payments made under this Act shall not be held to be "other income and resources" as that term is used in sections 2 (a) (7), 402 (a) (7), and 1002 (a) (8) of the Social Security Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 42, secs. 302 (a) (7), 602 (a) (7), and 1202 (a) (8)).

Approved August 27, 1954.

49 Stat. 620, 627.
64 Stat. 553.

Public Law 674

CHAPTER 1012

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 4213]

To authorize works for development and furnishing of water supplies for waterfowl management, Central Valley project, California, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the entire Central Valley project, California, heretofore authorized under the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850), and reauthorized under the Act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1198, 1199), the Act of October 14, 1949 (63 Stat. 852), and the Act of September 26, 1950 (64 Stat. 1036), is hereby reauthorized and declared to be for the purposes set forth in said Acts, and also for the use of the waters thereof for fish and wildlife purposes, subject to such priorities as are applicable under said Acts.

Central Valley project, Calif.
Reauthorization.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain such works on waterfowl management areas and refuges owned and operated by the State of California or the United States as may be necessary or desirable for the development of a water supply by means of wells and the recovery of drainage, and to furnish water available from such works, and water available from Central Valley project sources, for wildlife management purposes substantially in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the report of the United States Department of the Interior entitled "Waterfowl Conservation in the Lower San Joaquin Valley, Its Relation to the Grasslands and the Central Valley Project," dated October 1950, and such works should be developed in cooperation with the State of California.

Water supply development works.

SEC. 3. The cost of investigation, planning, and construction of the works and the delivery of water as authorized in section 2 of this Act shall not be reimbursable or returnable under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto).

43 USC 371.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds, not to exceed \$400,000, for construction of necessary works to supply water for State and federally owned and operated waterfowl management areas in the San Joaquin Valley to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. Works constructed under the authorization of section 2, for the purpose of supplying State wildlife management areas with water, shall become the property of the State of California when constructed.

Ownership.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to contract for the delivery of water to public organizations or agencies for use within the boundaries of such organizations or agencies for water-

Water contracts.