

existing right initiated under the public land laws, or a valid possessory right based upon section 8 of the Act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 24), section 14 of the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1095), or section 27 of the Act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321; 48 U. S. C., sec. 356): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall convey the lands to the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts of America only if the organization pays the price fixed by the Secretary within five years after notification by the Secretary of the price.

Approved August 30, 1954.

31 Stat. 330.
Payment.

Public Law 715

CHAPTER 1085

AN ACT

August 30, 1954
[H. R. 4118]

To authorize the preparation of rolls of persons of Indian blood whose ancestors were members of certain tribes or bands in the State of Oregon, and to provide for per capita distribution of funds arising from certain judgments in favor of such tribes or bands.

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, hereafter referred to as the "Secretary", is hereby authorized and directed to prepare separate rolls of the Indians of the blood of the Molel or Molallalas Tribe of Oregon and of the Confederated Bands of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Calappoias residing in the Umpqua Valley, and of the Tillamook, Coquille, Tootootoney, and Chetco Tribes of Oregon, living on the date of this Act. Applications for enrollment shall be filed within one year of the date of approval of this Act. The determination of the Secretary of the eligibility of an applicant for enrollment shall be final and conclusive. No person shall be entitled to be enrolled on more than one roll.

Indian tribes of
Oregon.
Enrollment of de-
scendants.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to withdraw the funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the respective tribes or bands, including those funds appropriated by Public Law 253 (Eighty-second Congress) approved November 1, 1951, in satisfaction of judgments obtained by the tribes or bands in the cases of Alcea Band of Tillamook, et al., against United States (119 C. Cls. 835), and Rogue River Tribes of Indians, et al., against United States (116 C. Cls. 454), and to make appropriate and equitable per capita payments therefrom to each person whose name appears on said approved rolls: *Provided*, That any amounts paid to or for individual members, or distributed to or for the legatees or next of kin of any enrollee, as provided in this Act, shall not be subject to Federal tax.

Per capita pay-
ments.

65 Stat. 754.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary shall make payments directly to a living enrollee. The Secretary shall distribute the share of a person determined to be eligible for enrollment, but who dies subsequent to the date of approval of this Act and on whose behalf an application is filed and approved, and the share of a deceased enrollee, directly to his next of kin or legatees as determined by the laws of the domicile of the decedent, upon proof of death and inheritance satisfactory to the Secretary, whose findings upon such proof shall be final and conclusive.

(b) Payments due persons under twenty-one years of age or persons under legal disability shall be made in accordance with laws applicable to such persons in the State of domicile of the payee. The Secretary may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a guardian to receive and administer payments due a person under twenty-one years of age or under legal disability, and may take such other action as he deems appropriate for the protection of the interests of any such person in connection with payments hereunder.

(c) No part of any payment hereunder shall be subject to any debt or debts created prior to the date of this Act by a beneficiary of Indian blood. Payment to living enrollees, unless under twenty-one years of age, or under legal disability, shall be completed within one year after approval of the tribal rolls. Payment to next of kin and legatees, and payment for the account of persons under twenty-one years of age or under legal disability shall be completed within the same period of time to the maximum extent possible.

SEC. 4. All costs incurred by the Secretary in the preparation of such rolls and the payment of such per capita shares shall be paid by appropriate withdrawals out of the fund or funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States arising out of such judgments.

SEC. 5. The Secretary is authorized to prescribe the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 30, 1954.

Public Law 716

CHAPTER 1086

August 30, 1954
[H. R. 7290]

AN ACT

To authorize an appropriation for the construction of certain public-school facilities on the Klamath Indian Reservation at Chiloquin, Oregon.

Klamath Indian
Reservation.

School construc-
tion.

Conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$206,880 to be used by the Secretary of Interior for assisting the Klamath County School District in constructing and equipping new public-school facilities, which shall include an elementary school site, school building, and necessary equipment, on the Klamath Indian Reservation at Chiloquin, Klamath County, Oregon.

SEC. 2. The expenditure of any money appropriated pursuant to the first section of this Act shall be subject to the express conditions that (1) 40 per centum of the cost of such facilities shall be paid by the Klamath County School District; (2) such facilities shall be available to all Indian children of the district on the same terms, except as to payment from Federal funds of tuition of Indian children under Federal supervision, as other children of the district; (3) the cost of preparing the plans and specifications for such facilities, to be furnished by the local or State authorities, shall be paid out of the appropriation authorized in this Act in the same proportion as the building costs; (4) upon the approval of such plans and specifications by the Secretary of the Interior, the actual work shall proceed under the supervision of such local authority; and (5) payment for the work completed shall be made monthly on vouchers properly certified by the local officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Approved August 30, 1954.

Public Law 717

CHAPTER 1087

August 30, 1954
[H. R. 8020]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer of certain property of the United States Government (in Klamath County, Oregon) to the State of Oregon.

Klamath County,
Oreg.
Land transfer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the General Services Administration be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer to