

[CHAPTER 120]

AN ACT

March 15, 1948
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[Public Law 444]

To give to members of the Crow Tribe the power to manage and assume charge of their restricted lands, for their own use or for lease purposes, while such lands remain under trust patents.

Crow Indians.
Lease of trust lands.

Responsibility.

Approval of Superintendent.

Time limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last proviso of the first section of the Act of May 26, 1926, entitled "An Act to amend sections 1, 5, 6, 8, and 18 of an Act approved June 20, 1920, 'an Act to provide for the allotment of lands of the Crow Tribe, for the distribution of tribal funds and for other purposes,'" approved May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 658, 659), be amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That any Crow Indian classified as competent may lease his or her trust lands or any part thereof and the trust lands of their minor children for farming and grazing purposes: *Provided*, That any Crow Indian classified as competent shall have the full responsibility of obtaining compliance with the terms of any lease made: *And provided further*, That leases on inherited or devised trust lands having more than five competent devisees or heirs shall be made only with the approval of the Superintendent. Any adult incompetent Indian with the approval of the Superintendent may lease his or her trust lands or any part thereof and the inherited or trust lands of their minor children for farming and grazing purposes. The trust lands of orphan minors shall be leased by the Superintendent. Moneys received for and on behalf of all incompetent Indians and minor children shall be paid to the Superintendent by the lessee for the benefit of said Indians. No lease shall be made for a period longer than five years, except irrigable lands under the Big Horn Canal, which may be leased for periods of ten years. All leases made under this Act shall be recorded at the Crow Agency."

Approved March 15, 1948.