

Public Law 91-283

AN ACT

To provide for the disposition of judgment funds of the Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

June 19, 1970
[H. R. 10184]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the funds appropriated by the Act of October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1190, 1198), to pay a judgment to the Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation, Montana, in Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbered 279A and the interest thereon, after payment of attorney's fees and all appropriate expenses, and after deducting \$50,000 to be used as provided in section 5 of this Act, and after deducting the estimated costs of distribution, shall be distributed per capita to each person born on or before, and living on, the date of this Act who is a citizen of the United States and duly enrolled, on a roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior, as a member of the Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation, in accordance with eligibility requirements and procedures agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the tribe, or its authorized representatives.

Sioux Tribe,
Fort Peck Indian
Reservation, Mont.
Judgment funds,
disposition.

SEC. 2. The per capita shares shall be determined on the basis of the number of persons eligible for per capitas and the number of persons rejected for per capitas who have taken a timely appeal. The shares of those persons whose appeals are denied shall revert to the Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Reservation, Montana, to be expended for any purpose designated by the tribe and approved by the Secretary.

Per capita
shares.

SEC. 3. Sums payable to enrollees or their heirs or legatees who are less than twenty-one years of age or who are under a legal disability shall be paid in accordance with such procedures, including the establishment of trusts, as the Secretary of the Interior determines appropriate to protect the best interests of such persons.

Minor enrollees,
protection of in-
terests.

SEC. 4. The funds distributed under the provisions of this Act shall not be subject to Federal or State income taxes.

Tax exemptions.

SEC. 5. Upon agreement by the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe and the Fort Peck Assiniboine Tribe on the amount each agrees to contribute from any award to each tribe in Indian Claims Commission Docket No. 279A, the agreed contribution of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe shall be withdrawn from the \$50,000, and interest thereon, withheld from per capita distribution pursuant to section 1 of this Act, and credited to the joint account for expenditure pursuant to the Act of June 29, 1954 (68 Stat. 329): *Provided*, That upon request of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion may distribute all or part of the aforesaid \$50,000 and interest thereon per capita to each person eligible under section 1 of this Act.

Approved June 19, 1970.