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TITLE 25--INDIANS

CHAPTER 14--MISCELLANEOUS

SUBCHAPTER XVII--YAKIMA TRIBES

Sec. 607. Divestment of inheritance of non-members

(a) Procedure

A person who is not an enrolled member of the Yakima Tribes with one-fourth degree or more blood of such tribes shall not be entitled to receive by devise or inheritance any interest in trust or restricted land within the Yakima Reservation or within the area ceded by the Treaty of June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 1951), if, while the decedent's estate is pending before the Examiner of Inheritance, the Yakima Tribes pay to the Secretary of the Interior, on behalf of such person, the fair market value of such interest as determined by the Secretary of the Interior after appraisal. The interest for which payment is made shall be held by the Secretary in Trust for the Yakima Tribes.

(b) Time of election

On request of the Yakima Tribes the Examiner of Inheritance shall keep an estate pending for not less than two years from the date of decedent's death.

(c) Interest of surviving spouse

When a person who is prohibited by subsection (a) of this section from acquiring any interest by devise or inheritance is a surviving spouse of the decedent, a life estate in one-half of the interest acquired by the Yakima Tribes shall, on the request of such spouse, be reserved for that spouse and the value of such life estate so reserved shall be reflected in the Secretary's appraisal under subsection (a) of this section.

(Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 933, Sec. 7, 60 Stat. 969; Pub. L. 91-627, Sec. 1, Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1874.)

Amendments

1970--Pub. L. 91-627 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted provisions authorizing the Yakima Tribes to pay to Secretary of the Interior the fair market value, as determined by the Secretary after appraisal, of any interest in trust or restricted land within the specified areas which a person not an enrolled member of the Yakima

Tribes with one-fourth degree or more blood of such tribes was to receive by devise or inheritance, for provisions limiting the inheritance of trust land on the Yakima Reservation to enrolled members of the Yakima Tribes of one-fourth or more blood of such tribes and to surviving spouses who are enrolled members but possess less than one-fourth degree of Yakima blood, with such surviving spouses authorized to inherit a life estate in not more than one-half the property, and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

Effective Date of 1970 Amendment

Section 2 of Pub. L. 91-627 provided that: ``The provisions of section 7 of the Act of August 9, 1946, as amended by this Act [this section], shall apply to all estates pending before the Examiner of Inheritance on the date of this Act [Dec. 31, 1970], and to all future estates, but shall not apply to any estate heretofore closed.``

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Sec. 608. Purchase, sale, and exchange of land

(a) Authority of Secretary; manner and place

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized in his discretion, to--

(1) purchase for the Yakima Tribes, with any funds of such tribes, and to otherwise acquire by gift, exchange, or relinquishment, any lands or interest in lands or improvements thereon within the Yakima Indian Reservation or within the area ceded to the United States by the Treaty of June 9, 1855;

(2) sell or approve sales of any tribal trust lands, any interest therein or improvements thereon, such sales being limited to agencies of the Federal, State, or local governments for recreational, educational, civic, or other public purposes, and to individual members of the tribes;

(3) exchange any tribal trust lands, including interests therein or improvements thereon, for any lands situated within such reservation or the area ceded to the United States by the treaty of June 9, 1855; and

(b) Multiple ownership of land

Where lands are held in multiple ownership, the Secretary is authorized to sell and exchange such lands to other Indians or the Yakima Tribes only if the sale or exchange is authorized in writing by the owners of at least a majority interest in such lands; except that no greater percentage of approval of individual Indians shall be required under sections 608 to 608c of this title than in any other statute of general application approved by Congress.

(c) Acquisitions to be held in trust

Lands and interests in lands acquired by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a) (1) of this section and for the benefit of the Yakima Indian Nation pursuant to section 465 of this title shall be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Yakima Indian Nation.

(d) Terms and conditions

The Secretary shall obtain the advice and consent of the Yakima tribal council before entering into any of the above transactions involving the acquisition or disposition of tribal land. The terms and

conditions of any such transaction, including the price at which any land is so purchased or sold and the valuation of any lands so exchanged, shall be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary, the Yakima tribal council, and the individual Indian or Indians concerned. Any such exchange of lands shall be effected on the basis of approximately equal consideration with due allowance for the value of improvements in determining the value of such lands.

(July 28, 1955, ch. 423, Sec. 1, 69 Stat. 392; Pub. L. 88-540, Sec. 1, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 747; Pub. L. 100-581, title II, Sec. 213, Nov. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2941; Pub. L. 101-301, Sec. 1(a)(3), (b), May 24, 1990, 104 Stat. 206.)

Codification

Section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 933, 60 Stat. 968, which comprises this subchapter.

Amendments

1990--Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-301, Sec. 1(b), amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows: ``In all cases in which the Secretary is acquiring for the Yakima Tribes lands or interests in lands presently held in trust or under restrictions for the benefit of an individual Indian, title shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Yakima Tribes. In all cases in which land being purchased is presently held by the grantor in fee simple, title shall be taken for and held by the Yakima Tribes in fee and such land shall not, by reason of its being owned by the tribes, be exempt from taxation in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.''

Pub. L. 101-301, Sec. 1(a)(3), repealed Pub. L. 100-581, Sec. 213. See 1988 Amendment note below.

1988--Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-581, Sec. 213, which directed the general amendment of subsec. (c) of Pub. L. 88-540, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 101-301, Sec. 1(a)(3).

1964--Pub. L. 88-540 amended section generally, and among other changes, permits acquisitions by gift or relinquishment, acquisition of any land within the reservation or area ceded to the United States by the treaty of June 9, 1855, sale of tribal land not only to tribe members, but also to Federal, State, or local government for recreational, educational, civic, or other public purposes, exchange of tribal land for any land within the reservation or the ceded area, lands held in multiple ownership to be sold or exchanged upon the written authorization of owners of at least a majority interest in the lands or any lesser percentage that may be provided in a statute of general application, and title to land in fee status acquired by the tribes to be taken in fee status.

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in sections 465, 608b, 608c of this title.

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Sec. 608a. Sale of tribal trust lands, etc.

(a) Title subsequent to sale

Title to tribal trust lands, interests, improvements, or rights sold by the Secretary to individual members of the Yakima Tribes or exchanged by the Secretary for lands held under trust patent or other restrictions against alienation by individual members of the tribes and other Indians or for lands in heirship status shall be held by the United States in trust for the individual Indian or Indians concerned.

(b) Credit of proceeds to tribal funds

Sums derived from the sale of tribal trust lands interests, improvements, and rights shall be credited to the tribal funds of the Yakima Tribes.

(July 28, 1955, ch. 423, Sec. 2, 69 Stat. 393; Pub. L. 88-540, Sec. 2, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 748.)

Codification

Section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 933, 60 Stat. 968, which comprises this subchapter.

Amendments

1964--Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-540 struck out provisions that title to lands, interests, improvements, or rights acquired under section 608 of this title by the Secretary for the Yakima Tribes through purchase or exchange shall be held by the United States in trust for the Yakima Tribes.

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in sections 465, 608, 608b, 608c of this title.

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Sec. 608b. Rights of lessee

(a) No transaction entered into under sections 608 to 608c of this title shall affect, without the consent of the lessee, any lease of lands, interests, improvements, or rights involved in such transaction, or any right of the lessee with respect to extension or renewal of such lease, which is in existence at the time such transaction is entered into.

(b) Repealed, Pub. L. 88-540, Sec. 3, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 748.

(July 28, 1955, ch. 423, Sec. 3, 69 Stat. 393; Pub. L. 88-540, Sec. 3, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 748.)

Codification

Section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 933, 60 Stat. 968, which comprises this subchapter.

Amendments

1964--Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 88-540 repealed subsec. (b) which provided: ``Nothing in sections 608-608c of this title shall affect the existing status of any lands, interests, improvements, or rights with respect to taxation.''

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in sections 465, 608, 608c of this title.

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Sec. 608c. Regulations

The Secretary is authorized to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 608 to 608c of this title.

(July 28, 1955, ch. 423, Sec. 4, 69 Stat. 393.)

Codification

Section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 933, 60 Stat. 968, which comprises this subchapter.

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in sections 465, 608, 608b of this title.