

**Subpart 2654—Native Reserves**

**§ 2654.0-3 Authority.**

Section 19(b) of the Act authorizes any village corporation(s) located within a reserve defined in the act to acquire title to the surface and sub-surface estates in any reserve set aside for the use and benefit of its stockholders or members prior to December 18, 1971. Such acquisition precludes any other benefits under the Act.

**§ 2654.0-5 Definitions.**

*Reserve lands* means any lands reserved prior to the date of enactment of the act which are subject to being taken in lieu of other benefits under the act pursuant to section 19(b) of the Act.

**§ 2654.1 Exercise of option.**

(a) Any village corporation which has not, by December 18, 1973, elected to acquire title to the reserve lands will be deemed to have elected to receive for itself and its members the other benefits under the Act.

(b) The election of a village to acquire title to the reserve lands shall be exercised in the manner provided by its articles of incorporation. However when two or more villages are located on the same reserve there must be a special election to acquire title to the reserve lands. A majority vote of all the stockholders or members of all corporations located on the reserve is required to acquire title to the reserve lands. For the purpose of this paragraph the stockholders or members shall be determined on the basis of the roll of village residents proposed to be promulgated under 25 CFR 43h.7.<sup>1</sup> The regional corporation or village corporations or any member or stockholder of the village corporations involved may request that the election be observed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(c) The results of any election by a village corporation or corporations to acquire title to the reserve lands shall be certified by such village corporation or corporations as being in conformity with the articles of incorporation and

<sup>1</sup>At 47 FR 13327, Mar. 30, 1982, §43h.7 of Title 25 was redesignated as §69.7.

by-laws of the village corporation or corporations.

**§ 2654.2 Application procedures.**

(a) If the corporation or corporations elect to take title to the reserve lands, submission to the Secretary of the certificate of election will constitute an application to acquire title to those lands.

(b) If the village corporation or corporations do not elect to take the reserve lands, they shall apply for their land selections pursuant to subpart 2651 of this chapter.

**§ 2654.3 Conveyances.**

(a) Conveyances under this subpart are subject to the provisions of section 14(g) of the Act, as provided by §2650.4 of this chapter.

(b) Conveyances under this subpart to two or more village corporations will be made to them as tenants-in-common, having undivided interests proportionate to the number of their respective members or stockholders determined on the basis of the final roll promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to section 5 of the Act.

**Subpart 2655—Federal Installations**

AUTHORITY: Alaska Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*).

SOURCE: 45 FR 70206, Oct. 22, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 2655.0-3 Authority.**

Section 3(e)(1) of the Act provides that the Secretary shall determine the smallest practicable tract enclosing land actually used in connection with the administration of Federal installations in Alaska.

**§ 2655.0-5 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart, the term:

(a)  *Holding agency*  means any Federal agency claiming use of a tract of land subject to these regulations.

(b)  *Appropriate selection period*  means the statutory or regulatory period within which the lands were available for Native selection under the act.