

(c) The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to distribute among the persons entitled thereto the funds appropriated by chapter XII of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1952 (66 Stat. 101, 121), in payment of the judgment entered by the Indian Claims Commission in favor of the Loyal Creek Band or Group of Creek Indians et al., Docket No. 1. Such funds shall be paid to those persons whose names appear on the payroll prepared pursuant to the Act of March 3, 1903 (32 Stat. 982, 994), by J. Blair Schoenfelt, United States Indian Agent, or to their heirs or legatees, on a pro rata basis in proportion to the amounts appearing opposite their names on such payroll.

Payment to heirs,
etc.

SEC. 3. (a) If a person entitled to a payment authorized by this Act is deceased, such payment shall be made to his heirs or legatees determined in accordance with the laws, relating to the distribution of personal property, of the Creek Nation if the decedent died before January 1, 1898, or of the State of Arkansas in effect at the time of death if the decedent died before November 16, 1907, or of the State of Oklahoma in effect at the time of death if the decedent died on or after November 16, 1907. For the purposes of this section the decedent shall be regarded as an owner in possession of the payment at the time of his death.

(b) Before a payment authorized by this Act is made to an heir or legatee of a deceased person, proof of death and heirship or bequest satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior shall be submitted to him, and his findings with respect thereto shall be final and conclusive. Where satisfactory proof of death and heirship or bequest is already available to the Secretary, no additional submission shall be required.

Liens and taxes.

SEC. 4. Funds payable under this Act to minors or to persons under legal disability shall be paid to such representatives and under such conditions as the Secretary of the Interior may direct. The distribution of funds under this Act shall not be subject to any lien, except for debts owed to the United States or to Indian organizations indebted to the United States, and shall not be taxable.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$200,000 to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses incident to the distribution of funds authorized by this Act.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue rules and regulations necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 1, 1955.

Public Law 203

CHAPTER 445

AN ACT

August 1, 1955
[H. R. 3123]

To modify the Acts of August 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 571, 584), May 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1274), July 1, 1946 (60 Stat. 357), August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 923), and June 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 211), with respect to the recoupment of certain public school construction costs, and to amend the Act of August 17, 1950 (64 Stat. 459), relating to the expenditure of funds for cooperating with the public school board of Walker, Minnesota.

Indians.
School costs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, Effective on July 1, 1955, the recoupment requirements of the Acts of August 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 571, 584), May 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1274), July 1, 1946 (60 Stat. 357), August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 923), and June 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 211), shall become inapplicable to the unrecouped balances of funds expended pursuant to such Acts.

SEC. 2. In order to permit the granting of privileges to the public school board at Walker, Minnesota, that are consistent with those granted other public school boards pursuant to the Act of August 31, 1954 (68 Stat. 999), the Act of August 17, 1950 (64 Stat. 459), is hereby amended by striking out the following: "Provided, That in consideration of the amount heretofore appropriated and the amount which may be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this section, all Indian children residing in such district shall be admitted to the schools of the district without further cost to the United States for instructional, operation, and maintenance purposes".

Approved August 1, 1955.

Walker, Minn.

Public Law 204

CHAPTER 446

AN ACT

To amend section 6 of Public Law 874, Eighty-first Congress, so as to provide for the continued operation of certain schools on military installations.

August 1, 1955
[H. R. 3253]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 (a) of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, Eighty-first Congress), as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In any case where education was being provided on January 1, 1955, or thereafter under an arrangement made under this subsection for children residing on an Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps), or Air Force installation, it shall be presumed, for the purposes of this subsection, that no local educational agency is able to provide suitable free public education for the children residing on such installation, until the Commissioner and the Secretary of the military department concerned jointly determine, after consultation with the appropriate State educational agency, that a local educational agency is able to do so."

Schools on military installations.
64 Stat. 1107.
20 USC 241.

Approved August 1, 1955.

Public Law 205

CHAPTER 447

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance to the city of Clarksburg, West Virginia, of certain property which was donated for use in connection with a veterans' hospital, and which is not being so used.

August 1, 1955
[H. R. 6796]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to convey, without monetary consideration and subject to the conditions in section 2 of this Act, to the city of Clarksburg, West Virginia, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land currently leased to the city of Clarksburg, situated on the western end of the Veterans' Administration hospital reservation, near the city of Clarksburg, in Clark District, Harrison County, West Virginia, the exact legal description of which shall be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Clarksburg,
W. Va.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The deed of conveyance authorized by this Act shall provide that—

(1) such tract shall be used only for park and recreational purposes; and