

## Public Law 92-59

## AN ACT

July 29, 1971  
[H. R. 6072]

To provide for the disposition of funds appropriated to pay a judgment in favor of the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians in Indian Claims Commission dockets numbered 18-A, 113, and 191, and for other purposes.

Indians,  
Pembina Band  
of Chippewa,  
Judgment funds,  
disposition.

*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 June 9, 1964 (78 Stat. 204, 213), to pay a judgment to the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians in Indian Claims Commission dockets numbered 18-A, 113, and 191, together with the interest thereon, after payment of attorney fees and litigation expenses, and such expenses as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall be distributed as provided herein.

Descendancy  
roll.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a roll of all persons born on or prior to and living on the date of this Act who are lineal descendants of members of the Pembina Band as it was constituted in 1863, except that persons in the following categories shall not be so enrolled:

- a. those who are not citizens of the United States;
- b. those who are members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians; and
- c. those who participated in the Mississippi, Pillager, and Lake Winnibigoshish Chippewa Band awards under the provisions of the Act of September 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 230).

25 USC 594.

Enrollment  
applications,  
eligibility.

SEC. 3. Applications for enrollment shall be filed with the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen, South Dakota, in the manner and within the time limits prescribed for that purpose. The determination of the Secretary of the Interior regarding the utilization of available rolls and records and the eligibility for enrollment of an applicant shall be final.

Apportionment.

SEC. 4. In developing the roll of Pembina descendants, the Secretary of the Interior shall determine which enrollees are members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewas of North Dakota, or the Chippewa-Cree Tribe of Montana, and subsequent to the establishment of the descendancy roll shall apportion funds to the three cited tribes on the basis of the numbers of descendants having membership with these tribes. Funds not apportioned in this manner shall be distributed in equal shares to those enrolled descendants who are not members of the three cited tribes.

SEC. 5. The funds apportioned to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band, and the Chippewa-Cree Tribe may be advanced, expended, invested, or reinvested for any purpose authorized by the respective tribal governing bodies and approved by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the governing body of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall act in concert with the General Council of the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians of the White Earth Reservation for the purpose of making recommendations to the Secretary; *And provided further*, That the Pembina descendants within the Turtle Mountain Band shall be authorized to establish pursuant to regulations set by the Secretary the Pembina Descendants Committee and that the tribal governing body shall be required to work in concert with such committee for the purpose of making recommendations to the Secretary and only those members of the three cited tribes who are enrolled as Pembina descendants under the provisions of this Act shall be permitted to share in any per capita distribution of the funds accruing to the tribes.

SEC. 6. None of the funds distributed per capita under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes.

Tax exemption.

SEC. 7. Sums payable to adult living enrollees or to adult heirs or legatees of deceased enrollees shall be paid directly to such persons. Sums payable to enrollees or their heirs or legatees who are less than twenty-one years of age or who are under 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.

Payment.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations to effect the provisions of this Act, including the establishment of deadlines.

Rules and regulations.

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Public Law 92-60

AN ACT

To expand and extend the desalting program being conducted by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

July 29, 1971  
[S. 991]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as "The Saline Water Conversion Act of 1971".

The Saline  
Water Conversion  
Act of 1971.

SEC. 2. The Congress in consideration of the Federal responsibility for water resource conservation by means of comprehensive planning, planning and construction of water resource development projects, administration of the navigable waterways, and maintenance of water quality standards finds that the technology for the conversion of saline and other chemically contaminated waters is vital to all these areas of responsibility. It is the policy of the Congress, therefore, to provide for the development and demonstration of practicable means to convert saline and other chemically contaminated water to a quality suitable for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and other beneficial uses.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to—

Research;  
studies.

(a) conduct, encourage, and promote basic scientific research and fundamental studies to develop effective and economical processes and equipment for the purpose of converting saline and other chemically contaminated water into water suitable for beneficial consumptive uses;

(b) pursue the findings of research and studies authorized by this Act having potential practical applications to matters other than water treatment to the stage that such findings can be published in an effective form for utilization by others;

(c) conduct engineering and technical work including the design, construction, and testing of pilot plants, test beds, and modules to develop desalting processes and plant design concepts to the point of demonstration on a practical scale;

(d) study methods for the recovery and marketing of byproducts resulting from the desalination of water to offset the costs of treatment and to reduce impact on the environment from the discharge of brines into lakes, streams, and other waters; and

(e) undertake economic studies and surveys to determine present and prospective costs of producing water for beneficial consumptive purposes in various parts of the United States by the