

been presented for consideration and disapproved for the reason that the claimant did not file such claim within the time authorized by law, or any claim cognizable hereunder of any survivor which has not heretofore been presented for consideration, or has been presented for consideration and disapproved for the reason that heretofore such survivor acquired no right of recovery under this Act, may, at the written request of the claimant made within one year from the date of the enactment of this amendatory Act, be considered or reconsidered and settled in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(e) Any settlement made by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, or the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, under the authority of this Act and such regulations as they, respectively, may prescribe hereunder, shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. All such settlements shall be reported to the Congress annually by the heads of the departments concerned and the report shall state with respect to each settlement the name of the claimant, the amount claimed, and the amount paid.

SEC. 2. That section 2 of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized. Appropriations now available to the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force for the settlement of claims under the provisions of the Act of May 29, 1945 (59 Stat. 225), and to the Department of the Navy for the settlement of claims under the provisions of the Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 662), shall be available for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That section 2 of the Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 662), is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 549

AN ACT

To authorize the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Indians to make contracts with approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

July 3, 1952
[H.R. 1788]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That contracts involving the payment or expenditure of any money or affecting any property belonging to the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Indians, including contracts for professional legal services, may be made by said tribes, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided,* That the provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for professional legal services involving the prosecution of claims against the United States.

Indians.
Contracts.

SEC. 2. That the second proviso in section 28 of the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 148), and the provisions contained in the fifth paragraph of section 17 of the Act of March 3, 1911 (36 Stat. 1070), dealing with contracts made by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes of Indians for professional legal services of attorneys, are hereby repealed.

Repeals.

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