

[CHAPTER 651]

AN ACT

August 16, 1937
[S. 1379]

[Public, No. 296]

To authorize the Five Civilized Tribes, in suits heretofore filed under their original Jurisdictional Acts, to present claims to the United States Court of Claims by amended petitions to conform to the evidence; and to authorize said court to adjudicate such claims upon their merits as though filed within the time limitation fixed in said original Jurisdictional Acts.

Five Civilized Tribes of Indians. Suits filed in Court of Claims under Jurisdictional Acts. 43 Stat. 27, 133, 139, 537; 44 Stat. 568; 45 Stat. 1229.

Amendment of petitions to conform to evidence, etc.

Jurisdiction conferred.

Reinstatement of certain dismissed claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in suits heretofore filed in the United States Court of Claims by the Five Civilized Tribes under their respective Jurisdictional Acts (Cherokee Nation, Act approved March 19, 1924, 43 Stat. 27; Seminole Nation, Act approved May 20, 1924, 43 Stat. 133; Creek Nation, Act approved May 24, 1924, 43 Stat. 139; Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Act approved June 7, 1924, 43 Stat. 537; as amended by joint resolutions approved May 19, 1926; 44 Stat. 568; and February 19, 1929, 45 Stat. 1229), plaintiffs therein shall have the right, prior to January 1, 1938, to amend their petitions to conform to any evidence heretofore filed in said suits, whether such amended petitions develop original claims or present new claims based upon said evidence; and jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon said Court of Claims, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims which may have been presented by said Indian Nations in any amended petitions heretofore filed, or which may be filed under the terms of this Act; and claims so presented shall be adjudicated by said court upon their merits as though presented by petition filed within the time limited by said respective original Jurisdictional Acts, as amended; and any case presenting claims which may have been dismissed upon the ground that new claims were set up by amended petition, after the expiration of the time limitation fixed in said original Jurisdictional Acts, as amended, shall be reinstated and retried by said court on their merits.

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To provide time credits for substitutes in the motor-vehicle service.

Postal Service. Substitutes in motor-vehicle service, time credits allowed.

43 Stat. 1065.
39 U. S. C. § 104.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last paragraph of section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 ed., title 39, sec. 104), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Any fractional part of a year's substitute service, rendered after the enactment of this sentence, shall be included with his service as a regular clerk, garageman-driver, driver-mechanic, or general mechanic in the motor-vehicle service, in determining eligibility for promotion to the next higher grade following appointment to a regular position."

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