

79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 54

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 1945

Mr. THOMAS of Oklahoma introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

To validate titles to certain lands conveyed by Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes, and to amend the Act entitled "An Act relative to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma", approved January 27, 1933.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That no conveyance made by an Indian of the Five Civilized
4 Tribes on or after April 26, 1931, and prior to the date of
5 the enactment of this Act, of lands purchased, prior to April
6 26, 1931, for the use and benefit of such Indian with funds
7 derived from the sale of, or as income from, restricted
8 allotted lands and conveyed to him by deed containing re-
9 strictions on alienation without the consent and approval

1 of the Secretary of the Interior prior to April 26, 1931, shall
 2 be invalid because such conveyance was made without the
 3 consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *Pro-*
 4 *vided*, That all conveyances made after the date of the
 5 enactment of this Act must have the consent and approval
 6 of the Secretary of the Interior.

7 SEC. 2. That the Act entitled "An Act relative to re-
 8 strictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes
 9 in Oklahoma", approved January 27, 1933 (47 Stat. 777),
 10 is amended by adding at the end thereof new sections, 9
 11 10, 11, as follows:

12 "SEC. 9. That the following words in section 8 of this
 13 Act, 'any interest in land of any full-blood Indian heir',
 14 shall not be construed to include any interest in land which
 15 was not restricted in the person from whom such full-blood
 16 Indian heir inherited the same.

17 "SEC. 10. In the case of any interest in land acquired
 18 by purchase with restricted funds after the date of enact-
 19 ment of this section, such interest shall not be deemed a
 20 restricted interest unless the deed conveying such interest
 21 contains express restrictions against alienation or shows
 22 upon its fact that such purchase was made with restricted
 23 funds.

24 "SEC. 11. No conveyance, subsequent to January 27,
 25 1933, and prior to the date of enactment of this Act, of any

1 interest in land of any full-blood Indian heir, which was
 2 not restricted in the person from whom such full-blood Indian
 3 heir inherited the same, shall be invalid because such con-
 4 veyance was not presented for approval in open court as
 5 provided in section 8 of this Act."

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