

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section  
6 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known  
7 as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C.  
8 479), is amended—

1 (A) by striking “The term” and inserting  
2 “Effective beginning on June 18, 1934, the  
3 term”; and

4 (B) by striking “any recognized Indian  
5 tribe now under Federal jurisdiction” and in-  
6 serting “any federally recognized Indian tribe”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
8 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
9 the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the  
10 “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C. 479), on  
11 the date of enactment of that Act.

12 (b) RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR  
13 ACTIONS.—Any action taken by the Secretary of the Inte-  
14 rior pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, (commonly  
15 known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (25 U.S.C.  
16 461 et seq.) for any Indian tribe that was federally recog-  
17 nized on the date of that action is ratified and confirmed,  
18 to the extent that the action is challenged based on the  
19 question of whether the Indian tribe was federally recog-  
20 nized or under Federal jurisdiction on June 18, 1934, as  
21 if the action had, by prior act of Congress, been specifi-  
22 cally authorized and directed.

23 (c) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or the  
25 amendments made by this Act affects—

1           (A) the application or effect of any Federal  
2           law other than the Act of June 18, 1934 (25  
3           U.S.C. 461 et seq.) (as amended by subsection  
4           (a)); or

5           (B) any limitation on the authority of the  
6           Secretary of the Interior under any Federal law  
7           or regulation other than the Act of June 18,  
8           1934 (25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.) (as so amended).

9           (2) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS.—An express  
10          reference to the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.  
11          461 et seq.) contained in any other Federal law shall  
12          be considered to be a reference to that Act as  
13          amended by subsection (a).