

director of which shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau shall receive a salary of \$12,000 per annum, payable monthly."

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**CHAP. 724.**—An Act Authorizing the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians in Oklahoma to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party as in other cases, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of the treaty of February 27, 1867 (Fifteenth Statutes at Large, page 531), or arising under or growing out of any subsequent Act of Congress in relation to Indian affairs which said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians of Oklahoma may have against the United States, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Pottawatomie In-  
dians, Okla.  
Claims of Citizen  
Band of, to be adjudi-  
cated in Court of  
Claims.  
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**SEC. 2.** Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit or suits be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within five years from the date of the approval of this Act, and such suit or suits shall make the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians of Oklahoma party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claim or claims under contract with the said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians approved in accordance with existing law; and said contract shall be executed in their behalf by a committee or committees to be selected by said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians. Official letters, papers, documents, and records, or certified copies thereof, may be used in evidence, and the departments of the Government shall give access to the attorney or attorneys of said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians to such treaties, papers, correspondence, or records as they may require in the prosecution of any suit or suits instituted under this Act.

Time for filing.

Verification, etc.

Evidence admitted.

**SEC. 3.** In said suit or suits the court shall also hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against the said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians, but any payment or payments which may have been made by the United States upon any such claim shall not operate as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as a set-off in such suit or suits, as may any gratuities paid to or expended for said Indians subsequent to February 27, 1867.

Consideration of  
counterclaims.

**SEC. 4.** The court shall join any other tribe or band of Indians that may be necessary to a final determination of any suit brought under this Act. Upon the final determination of such suit or cause of action, the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to decree the fees to be paid to the attorney or attorneys, not to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment, if any, recovered in such cause, and in no event to exceed the sum of \$25,000, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the suit, to be paid out of any judgment that may be recovered, and the balance of such judgment shall be placed in the

Joining of other  
tribes.  
Attorneys' fees, etc.,  
by decree of court.

Balance of judgment  
to credit of Indians in  
the Treasury.

United States Treasury to the credit of the Indians entitled thereto, where it shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum or be paid direct to the Indians in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior.

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**CHAP. 725.**—An Act To create a division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture; to provide for the acquisition and dissemination of information pertaining to cooperation; to promote the knowledge of cooperative principles and practices; to provide for calling advisers to counsel with the Secretary of Agriculture on cooperative activities; to authorize cooperative associations to acquire, interpret, and disseminate crop and market information, and for other purposes.

Cooperative marketing. Meaning of "agricultural products."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when used in this Act the term "agricultural products" means agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, and dairy products, livestock and the products thereof, the products of poultry and bee raising, the edible products of forestry, and any and all products raised or produced on farms and processed or manufactured products thereof, transported or intended to be transported in interstate and/or foreign commerce.

Cooperative Marketing Division established in Department of Agriculture.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to establish a division of cooperative marketing with suitable personnel in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture or in such bureau in the Department of Agriculture as may hereafter be concerned with the marketing and distribution of farm products. Such division shall be under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Under supervision of the Secretary.

Services to associations for cooperative marketing, etc., of farm products.

**SEC. 3.** (a) The division shall render service to associations of producers of agricultural products, and federations and subsidiaries thereof, engaged in the cooperative marketing of agricultural products, including processing, warehousing, manufacturing, storage, the cooperative purchasing of farm supplies, credit, financing, insurance, and other cooperative activities.

Purposes stated.

To acquire, disseminate, etc., information of cooperative associations.

(b) The division is authorized—

(1) To acquire, analyze, and disseminate economic, statistical, and historical information regarding the progress, organization, and business methods of cooperative associations in the United States and foreign countries.

To study phases of cooperation, publish results thereof, etc.

(2) To conduct studies of the economic, legal, financial, social, and other phases of cooperation, and publish the results thereof. Such studies shall include the analyses of the organization, operation, financial, and merchandising problems of cooperative associations.

To make surveys of accounts, etc., of cooperative associations at their request, etc.

(3) To make surveys and analyses if deemed advisable of the accounts and business practices of representative cooperative associations upon their request; to report to the association so surveyed the results thereof; and with the consent of the association so surveyed to publish summaries of the results of such surveys, together with similar facts, for the guidance of cooperative associations and for the purpose of assisting cooperative associations in developing methods of business and market analysis.

To advise with committees of producers desirous of forming associations, etc.

(4) To confer and advise with committees or groups of producers, if deemed advisable, that may be desirous of forming a cooperative association and to make an economic survey and analysis of the facts surrounding the production and marketing of the agricultural product or products which the association, if formed, would handle or market.

To acquire information of crop prospects, prices, marketing, etc.

(5) To acquire from all available sources information concerning crop prospects, supply, demand, current receipts, exports, imports,