

CHAPTER 669

S.B. No. 610

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain trust responsibilities and trust lands of the Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua Indian tribes to the United States Department of the Interior based on the restoration of the federal trust relationship with those tribes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

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SECTION 1. (a) If the Congress of the United States enacts a law to restore the trust relationship between the United States and the Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua Indian tribes, the governor shall:

(1) transfer to the secretary of the interior all assets held in trust by this state for the benefit of those tribes, including all real property and the buildings and improvements on that property, to be held in trust for the tribes; and

(2) transfer all equipment and other items on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation and Tigua Indian Reservation to the respective tribes.

(b) The governor shall make the transfer by executive order as soon as possible after the effective date of the federal legislation.

SECTION 2. After the transfer of trust assets under Section 1 of this Act, the governor shall declare by executive order that the trust responsibilities of this state toward the Alabama-Coushatta and the Tigua Indian tribes are transferred to the United States.

SECTION 3. The Texas Indian Commission shall assist the governor in accomplishing the transfer of trust responsibilities and the related transfer of real property and other items.

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect the power of this state to enact special legislation relating to the tribes, and the state may continue to perform services that benefit the tribes. The state assistance must be provided in a manner that does not conflict with the status of the tribes as federally recognized Indian tribes or with the relationship of the tribes with the government of the United States.

SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.