

[CHAPTER 226]

AN ACT

May 18, 1937
[H. R. 4728]
[Public, No. 95]

To authorize cooperation in the development of farm forestry in the States and Territories, and for other purposes.

Cooperative Farm Forestry Act.
Federal cooperation in developing farm forestry in the States and Territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to aid agriculture, increase farm-forest income, conserve water resources, increase employment, and in other ways advance the general welfare and improve living conditions on farms through reforestation and afforestation in the various States and Territories, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized in cooperation with the land-grant colleges and universities and State forestry agencies, each within its respective field of activities, according to the statutes, if any, of the respective States, wherever such agencies can and will cooperate, or in default of such cooperation to act directly, to produce or procure and distribute forest trees and shrub planting stock; to make necessary investigations; to advise farmers regarding the establishment, protection, and management of farm forests and forest and shrub plantations and the harvesting, utilization, and marketing of the products thereof; and to enter into cooperative agreements for the establishment, protection, and care of farm- or other forest-land tree and shrub plantings within such States and Territories; and, whenever suitable Government-owned lands are not available, to lease, purchase, or accept donations of land and develop nursery sites for the production of such forest planting stock as is needed to effectuate the purposes of this Act, but not including ornamental or other stock for landscape plantings commonly grown by established commercial nurserymen, and no stock grown in Government and cooperating nurseries shall be allowed to enter regular trade channels. No cooperative reforestation or afforestation shall be undertaken pursuant to this Act unless the cooperator makes available without charge the land to be planted. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually not to exceed \$2,500,000 for carrying out the purposes of this Act. This Act shall be known as the Cooperative Farm Forestry Act.

Investigations and advice.

Cooperative agreements.

Nursery sites, etc.

Land to be planted to be made available without charge.

Annual appropriation authorized.

Title of Act.

Approved, May 18, 1937.

[CHAPTER 227]

AN ACT

May 19, 1937
[S. 150]
[Public, No. 96]

Amending section 2 of Public Law Numbered 716 of the Seventy-fourth Congress, being an Act entitled "An Act to relieve restricted Indians whose lands have been taxed or have been lost by failure to pay taxes, and for other purposes."

Indian lands.
49 Stat. 1542.
25 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 412a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of Public Law Numbered 716 of the Seventy-fourth Congress, being an Act entitled "An Act to relieve restricted Indians whose lands have been taxed or have been lost by failure to pay taxes, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Homesteads purchased from trust, etc., funds to be nontaxable.

Provisos.
Restrictions against alienation, etc.

Optional selection of lands.

SEC. 2. All homesteads, heretofore purchased out of the trust or restricted funds of individual Indians, are hereby declared to be instrumentalities of the Federal Government and shall be nontaxable until otherwise directed by Congress: *Provided*, That the title to such homesteads shall be held subject to restrictions against alienation or encumbrance except with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That the Indian owner or owners shall select, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, either the agricultural and grazing lands, not exceeding a total of one hundred and sixty acres, or the village, town, or city property, not exceeding in cost \$5,000, to be designated as a homestead.

Approved, May 19, 1937.