

SEC. 2. Upon request of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire Indian- or non-Indian-owned lands within the reservation boundaries for such tribes, and such lands may be held for tribal use or for sale to tribal members. Title to lands acquired pursuant to this authority shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the tribes or the tribal member to whom the land is sold.

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AN ACT

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To amend the Act relating to the leasing of lands in Alaska for grazing in order to make certain improvements in such Act.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the protection, development, and utilization of the public lands in Alaska by establishing an adequate system for grazing livestock thereon", approved March 4, 1927 (44 Stat. 1452), is amended to read as follows:

"NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND ALTERATION OF GRAZING RIGHTS

"SEC. 5. Before establishing or altering a district the Secretary shall publish once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each judicial division in which the district proposed to be established or altered is located, a notice describing the boundaries of the proposed district or the proposed alteration, announcing the date on which he proposes to establish such district or make such alteration and the location and date of hearings required under this section. No such alteration shall be made until after public hearings are held with respect to such alteration in each such judicial division after the publishing of such notice."

SEC. 2. (a) Subsection (a) of section 7 of such Act of March 4, 1927, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. (a) A lease may be made for such term as the Secretary deems reasonable, but not to exceed fifty-five years, taking into consideration all factors that are relevant to the exercise of the grazing privileges conferred."

(b) Such section 7 is further amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(d) Each lease shall provide that the lessee may negotiate for renewal of such lease, subject to the provisions of this Act, at any time during the final five years of the term of such lease."

SEC. 3. Section 14 of such Act of March 4, 1927, is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 14" and by inserting at the end of such section a new subsection as follows:

"(b) The Secretary shall take no action which will adversely affect rights under any lease pursuant to this Act until notifying the holder of such lease that such action is proposed and giving such holder an opportunity for a hearing."

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