

[CHAPTER 280]

AN ACT

June 8, 1940

[H. R. 5477]

[Public, No. 569]

For the benefit of the Indians of the Crow Reservation, Montana, and for other purposes.

Crow Indian Reser-
vation, Mont.
41 Stat. 752.

Proviso.
Sale or exchange of
allotted, etc., lands.

Transaction to be
upon petition; signers.

Issuance of new
patent.

24 Stat. 389.
25 U. S. C. § 348.

41 Stat. 753.

Retention of min-
eral rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), entitled "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands of the Crow Tribe, for the distribution of tribal funds, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by inserting the following at the end of paragraph 1: "*Provided,* That for the purpose of consolidating the restricted land holdings of any individual Crow allottee or the holdings of members of a Crow family, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to approve sales of allotted and inherited Indian lands to members of the Crow Tribe or the exchange of restricted Crow lands without regard to the acreage limitation hereinbefore set out. Any sales or exchange made hereunder shall be upon a petition signed by the adult allottee and by the adult heirs of any deceased allottee and the parent or natural guardian of a minor heir or, if there be no natural guardian, by the officer in charge of the Crow Agency, and if the purchaser or recipient of such lands be an Indian of the Crow Tribe, then any outstanding trust patent or patents covering the land so sold or exchanged shall be canceled and a new patent of the force and legal effect of the trust patents as prescribed by the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), as amended, shall be issued to such Indian or Indians, which patent where applicable shall contain the mineral reservation provided in section 6 of this Act. Should any Crow allottee wish to retain mineral rights now owned by him in land, sold hereunder to other members of the tribe, he may do so by making conveyance on a form of deed to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, which form shall provide that its approval shall not operate to remove any trust or other conditions imposed upon said lands as expressed in the original trust or any other patent issued therefor."

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To provide for the conservation and transfer of accumulated sick leave and vacation time due classified civil-service employees who succeed to the position of postmaster, and for other purposes.

Postal Service.
Retention of ac-
crued sick and annual
leave by civil-service
employees appointed
postmasters.

Provisos.
Transfer of accrued
leave.

Act retroactive as to
certain postmasters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every classified civil-service employee who shall be appointed to the position of postmaster shall retain to his credit whatever amount of sick leave and vacation time is properly due him on the date of his appointment to the position of postmaster: *Provided,* That such accumulated sick leave and vacation time shall be transferred to the credit of the employee as of the date of his appointment as postmaster in the same manner as the time might have been utilized by him before appointment: *Provided further,* That this Act shall be retroactive to the extent that every postmaster at a first- or second-class post office who shall have received appointment as postmaster while an employee of the classified civil-service and who shall hold the position of postmaster on the date this Act becomes effective, shall be entitled to the