**CHAPTER 27**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MAINE INDIAN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT**

**§601. Approval of legislation**

When approval of legislation by an Indian tribe or Indian nation is required by the United States Code, Title 25, Section 1725(e), or other act of Congress, certification of that approval shall be made to the Secretary of State by the officer of the affected Indian tribe or Indian nation designated in section 602 or 603. The certification shall state the date and manner of approval of the legislation and shall be prima facie evidence of approval. The Secretary of State shall forthwith transmit certified copies of the certification of approval to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. [PL 1989, c. 148, §§1, 4 (AMD); PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §§2, 5 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1983, c. 497, §1 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 148, §§1,4 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §§2, 5 (AFF).

**§602. Designation of officer**

The governor and council of the Penobscot Nation, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall each designate, by name and title, the officer authorized to execute the certificate of approval of legislation required by section 601. The designation shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of State no later than the first Wednesday in January in the First Regular Session of the Legislature, except that the designation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 45 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The Secretary of State shall forthwith transmit certified copies of each designation to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The designation shall remain in effect until the governor and council of the Penobscot Nation, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians make a new designation. [PL 1985, c. 672, §§1, 4 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1983, c. 497, §1 (NEW). PL 1985, c. 672, §§1,4 (AMD).

**§603. Designation of officer; Mi'kmaq Nation**

The council of the Mi'kmaq Nation shall designate, by name and title, the officer authorized to execute the certificate of approval of legislation required by section 601. The designation shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of State no later than the first Wednesday in January in the First Regular Session of the Legislature. The Secretary of State shall forthwith transmit certified copies of the designation to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. The designation shall remain in effect until the council of the Mi'kmaq Nation makes a new designation. [PL 1989, c. 148, §§2, 4 (NEW); PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §4 (REV); PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §§2, 5 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 148, §§2,4 (NEW). PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §4 (REV). PL 2023, c. 369, Pt. A, §§2, 5 (AFF).

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