

1 SEC. 2. In accordance with the foregoing purposes,
2 the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to issue
3 to the Indians residing upon any Indian reservation or
4 reservations or subdivision thereof a charter granting to the
5 said community group any or all of such powers of govern-
6 ment and such privileges of corporate organization and eco-
7 nomic activity, hereinafter enumerated, as may seem fitting
8 in the light of the experience, capacities, and desires of the
9 Indians concerned; but no such charter shall take effect
10 until ratified by a three-fifths vote at a popular election
11 open to all adult Indians resident within the territory cov-
12 ered by the charter.

13 Upon receipt of a petition for the issuance of a charter
14 signed by one fourth of the adult Indians residing on any
15 existing reservation, it shall be the duty of the Secretary
16 of the Interior to make the necessary investigations and
17 issue a proper charter, subject to ratification, or shall pro-
18 claim the conditions upon which such charter will be issued;
19 and such petition, with a record of the findings and of the
20 action of the Secretary, shall be transmitted by the Secretary
21 of the Interior to Congress: *Provided*, That whenever the
22 Secretary of the Interior shall acquire land not comprised
23 within any existing reservation for the purpose of establish-
24 ing a new Indian community, pursuant to the authority
25 granted by title III of this Act, he shall issue a charter to