

BILL NO. 5.  
C H O C T A W N A T I O N .

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AN ACT  
REGULATING THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN CATTLE INTO THE  
CHOCTAW NATION.

WHEREAS, The introduction of Texas cattle into the Choctaw Nation has been detrimental to the native cattle thereof, by bringing in diseases such as Spanish fever, and Black leg, and

WHEREAS, It has been a custom of cattlemen who introduce such cattle to let them run at large on the public domain and to drift unattended, and thus drifting carry the small herds of cattle away from their ranges causing great loss and inconvenience to the citizens, and to the non-citizen who pay their permits, and

WHEREAS, The allotment of our lands in severalty and the taking of each citizen of his rightful share, which must of necessity break up the holding of large bodies of land in pastures, is under the Agreement in the near and immediate future, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act and its approval by the Principal Chief, and by the President of the United States, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to introduce into the Choctaw Nation from any State or surrounding Nations any cattle of any kind except during the months of November and December, and then only to be kept in feed -pens and legal enclosures, and not to be turned loose on the public range.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, That any one guilty of a violation of this law shall be indicted by the Grand Jury and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum of Five dollars, (\$5.00, ), per head for each head of cattle introduced, and the fine so imposed, upon failure by the defendant to pay the same within ten days, shall be collected by the Sheriff by public sale of said cattle.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, That the public sale herein mentioned shall be made by the Sheriff on thirty days public notice, said notice to be given by posting notices in three public places in the county wherein said sale is to take place, and said sale shall be by public auction.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, That any non-citizen introducing cattle as herein prohibited, shall be by the District Attorney wherein the cat-



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tle are allowed to run at large on the range, reported to the United States Indian Agent, and also to the nearest United States Commissioner with in whose jurisdiction the offense is committed, to be prosecuted under the laws of the United States.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, That any violation of the provisions of section 1 of this Act shall be held to be a trespass upon the Public Domain of the Choctaw Nation and punished as such, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the approval herein provided.

Passed the House March 22, 1899.

Joe A. Burke  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate March 21, 1899.

J. P. Ward  
President of the Senate.

APPROVED: March 22, 1899.

Green McLintain  
Principal Chief of  
Choctaw Nation.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROVED, April 11, 1899  
William M. McKinley



OFFICE OF  
NATIONAL SECRETARY,  
CHOCTAW NATION.

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CADDO, INDIAN TERRITORY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above and hereto attached instrument is an Act of the General Council passed at a special session thereof in March, 1899, and approved by the Principal Chief of said Nation in his official character on March 22, 1899, and that I do hereby respectfully submit the same for the approval of the President of the United States, in accordance with the provision of Section 32, of the Act of Congress of June 28, 1898, (30 Stats. 495, ), entitled "An Act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes!"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Soloman J. Homer,  
National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation,  
have hereunto affixed my official signature  
and the great Seal of the Choctaw Nation,  
this the 27, day of March, One Thousand  
eight hundred and ninety-nine.



*Soloman J. Homer*  
National Secretary of  
The Choctaw Nation.



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