

AN ACT  
CREATING A COMMISSION TO ACCOMPANY AND ASSIST THE DAWES COMMISSION IN  
MAKING A ROLL OF CHOCTAW CITIZENS.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled; That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized, ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate~~ *with the advice and consent of the Senate,* to appoint a commission consisting of three members, one to be appointed from each District, whose duty it shall be to accompany the Dawes Commission, and to render such information and assistance to said Commission as may be necessary in making up the Choctaw rolls, and to see that all persons entitled to enrollment, such as orphans and other incompetents are placed on said rolls, and in pursuance of this duty this Commission is authorized to subpoena witnesses, that it may be ascertained whether such incompetents are entitled to enrollment. It shall also be the duty of this Commission to see that no persons are enrolled who are not entitled enrollment, and the Commission is authorized to procure proper testimony to establish any fraud practised upon the Choctaw Nation by citizenship claimants before the Dawes Commission, or elsewhere, and to this end, the Commission is authorized to have witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the Dawes Commission in behalf of the Choctaw Nation. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk for for the Commission herein created, whose duty it shall be to keep a full and complete record of all proceedings of the Choctaw Commission, and to keep a complete roll of citizens similar to that kept by the Dawes Commission.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, That each Commissioner appointed under this Act shall receive a salary of Eighteen hundred dollars, (\$1,800.00), per annum, and the clerk of said Commission shall be entitled to the same amount as salary. all payments of salary shall be made quarterly upon certificates of the Principal Chief to the National Auditor, whose warrants shall be paid by the National Treasurer.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, <sup>all</sup> That witnesses who shall be subpoenaed and appear before the Dawes Commission in behalf of the Choctaw Nation under this Act shall receive one dollar and a half per day for attendance and five cents per mile for each mile travelled, for which the ~~the~~ clerk of the Commission shall issue his certificate to be endorsed by all the commissioners, and upon such certificate so endorsed the National



Read and interpreted  
And laid over for  
further Consideration  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
March, 1899,

Joe A. Lukas  
Speaker of the House  
W. W. Cooper  
Recording Secretary

Read Interpreted  
and passed the House  
and referred to Chief  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1899.  
Joe A. Lukas  
Speaker of the House  
W. W. Cooper  
Recording Secretary

Read Interpreted and  
Pass the Senate ~~this~~  
Referred to the House.  
March 23-1899.

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Filed in my office  
this March 24, 1899,  
Solomon J. Horner  
Notary Public  
C.N.



Auditor shall issue his warrant to be paid by the National Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, That the Commission shall at its first meeting elect one of its members chairman thereof, and shall formulate and adopt such rules and regulations for its government and procedure as shall be necessary, not inconsistent with this Act, to carry out the provisions of this Act, which rules and regulations when adopted shall be spread upon the minutes of said Commission.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, That the chairman of the Commission, whenever necessary, shall appoint a bailiff, whose duty shall be to subpoena witnesses to appear before the Dawes Commission, and if necessary, before the United States Courts, in behalf of the Choctaw Nation; said bailiff shall receive \$3.50 per day for each day actually engaged in serving processes, and the Commission is hereby empowered to coerce, in the same manner as County Judges, the attendance of all witnesses who fail without legal cause to obey the command of subpoenas issued by said Commission, whenever the attendance such witness is material to the interest of the Nation.

SECTION 6. Be it further enacted, That the term of office of Commissioners and Clerk under this Act shall expire whenever the roll of Choctaw citizens is completed by the Dawes Commission, Provided, the Principal Chief, for good and sufficient cause, may remove the members or member of the Choctaw Commission from office prior to such completion, in which event the Principal Chief shall fill all vacancies.

SECTION 7. Be it further enacted, That the sum of Ten thousand, seven hundred and eighty-two dollars, (\$10,782.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated and placed subject to the order of the Principal Chief for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

*Proposed by W. G. Hard*



the Choctaw Commission from office prior to such completion, in which Chief, for Good and sufficient cause, may remove the members or member of citizens is completed by the Dawes Commission, Provided, the Principal Agents and Clerk under this Act shall expire whenever the roll of Choctaw SECTION 6. Be it further enacted,

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