

AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALLOTMENT COMMISSIONERS
WHOSE DUTY IT SHALL BE TO ASSIST CITIZENS UN-
DER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION TO THE
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES IN LOCATING THEIR
ALLOTMENTS WITH RESPECT TO AREAS AND
BOUNDARIES AS ESTABLISHED BY
GOVERNMENT SURVEY.

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to law a land office has been opened at Atoka, Indian Territory, for the purpose of allotting the lands of the Choctaw Nation to citizens entitled thereto; and,

WHEREAS, The selections made for allotment must conform, as nearly as may be, to areas and boundaries as established by the government survey; and,

WHEREAS, Many, if not a majority, of the Choctaw people are totally unfamiliar with the areas, boundaries and subdivisions of land as made by the United States Government surveyors in the Choctaw Nation, and will not for that reason be able to comply with the requirements of the law in this, unless assistance be afforded them in the matter of selecting their allotments with respect to the areas and boundaries established, as aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, It is frequently of the utmost importance to the allottee that he so subdivide his land as to not only conform to the areas and boundaries of the government survey but to protect his own interests as well with respect to the character and location of the land, or particular portions thereof, to be allotted---- necessitating, of course, the running of many cross section and other subdivision lines, all of which require the services of competent persons, and without which the interest of the allottee would be seriously affected; and,

WHEREAS, The service of persons competent is to be had only at a cost considerable to the individual allottee, a cost which the people who stand most in need of the service can not afford and are forced to accept incompetent and unreliable service to their own great damage; and,

WHEREAS, There is no provision whereby the Government of the United States can furnish the aid needed by the citizens in selecting their allotments with respect to the areas and boundaries established, as aforesaid, except by maps and plats drawn and distributed, which said maps and plats are of value to those only who are able to run out the lines on the land as indicated on the plats; and said maps and plats afford practically no aid to those who have no knowledge of survey lines either on the land or as represented on maps and plats; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the office of Allotting Commission is hereby created.

Section 3. Said allotting commissioners shall be appointed for two years, or until such time as their services are no longer required, and shall receive as compensation for their actual services the sum of Five (\$5.00) dollars per day each and Two (\$2.00) dollars per day each in lieu of subsistence.

Section 5. And the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries and actual expenses of said commissioners, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the national treasury not otherwise appropriated. And the national auditor shall issue warrant quarterly to pay said commissioners, and the national treasurer shall pay the same.

Proposed by

Peter Consor, Chairman
Chief Message Committee

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 of the Christian Union
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Creating Allotment
Commission of nine
members

Read. Introduced and
the Senate, and referred
to Lower House. This Oct
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James Bowen
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Joseph Conrad.

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Filed in the office of the National
Secretary of the Choctaw Nation
29 day of Oct 1903
E. H. Wilson
National Secretary.

Read Interpreted Passed
The HOUSE And
Referred To *Principal Chief*
This October, 29 1903.

R. J. Ward
Speaker of the House

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Edgewood

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approved this the
29th day of October
1903

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Principal chief
Choctaw Nation

By the Principal Chief, be removed and his successor appointed. Form the duties outlined herein without a lawful excuse he shall, the failure of the Commissioner appointed under this act to perform the duties of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and upon Section 4. Said allotting commission shall be under the direction of the Principal Chief, be removed and his successor appointed. dollars per day each to lieu of subsistence. dollars per day each and alvies the sum of receive as compensation for their actual services, and shall such time as their services are no longer required, or until such time as their services are no longer required. Section 5. Said allotting commissioners shall be appointed for select allotments for others. who shall allot land for themselves, or are legally authorized to distribute in said nation and make and deliver plats to all citizens alike. They shall visit each and every township in their respective able to furnish the citizens with plats of the lands they wish to correct maps, plats and field notes in order that they may be the said allotting commissioners shall provide themselves with and boundaries as established by the Government survey. And that first citizens in locating their allotments with respect to areas tracts composing the Choctaw Nation whose duty it shall be to assign competent persons for the three districts. Section 6. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to