AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALLOTMENT COMMISSIONERS
WHOSE DUTY IT SHALL BE TO ASSIST CITIZENS UNDERS
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.

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 boudaries 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 cwn 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.

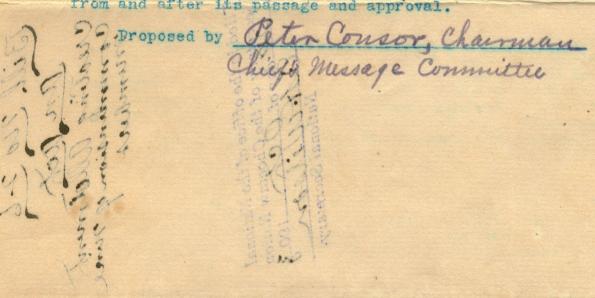
Section 2. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint () competent persons for the three districts composing the Choctaw Nation whose duty it shall be to assist citizens in locating their allotments with respect to areas and boundaries as established by the government survey. And that the said allotting commissioners shall provide themselves with correct maps, plats and field notes in order that they may be able to furnish the citizens with plats of the lands they wish to allot. They shall visit each and every township in their respective districts in said nation and make and deliver plats to all citizens who will allot land for themselves, or are legally authorized to select allotments for others.

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 (\$520) dollars per day each and dollars per day each in lieu of subsistence.

Section 4. Said allotting commission shall be under the direction of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and upon the failure of any commissioner appointed under this act to perform the duties outlined herein without a lawful excuse he shall, by the Principal Chief, be removed and his successor appointed.

Section 5. And the sum of fitter flourand 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.

Section 6. And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.





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