

BILL NO.7.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO APPOINT A SPECIAL DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ASSIST AND ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR DELEGATE IN REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CHOCTAW TRIBE OF INDIANS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.

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WHEREAS, The advent of statehood in this country will affect the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes and force an early if not immediate settlement of all tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, The Choctaw tribe of Indians has many interests of importance yet unsettled, notably the disposition of the coal and asphalt lands and deposits, the allotment or other disposition of the pine timber lands now temporarily withdrawn from allotment, the final disposition of the unallotted lands, etc., and,

WHEREAS, The Choctaw Nation or tribe of Indians desires to be represented in the final disposition of their affairs by a delegation of their best and most representative citizens; t h e r e - f o r e ,

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

Section 1. That the Principal Chief be and he hereby is authorized to appoint some competent person as special delegate to Washington, D.C., whose duty it shall be to assist the regular delegate appointed under and by virtue of an act of the council of October 19, 1899, and approved by the President of the United States December 22, 1899, entitled "An Act creating the office of Delegate to attend the City of Washington, D.C., and prescribing his duties". Said special delegate to be appointed hereunder shall be charged with all the duties and requirements prescribed by the said act of the council of October 19, 1899, and approved by the President, as aforesaid, relating to said regular delegate.



Section 2. Said special delegate shall be allowed as compensation the sum of seven dollars per day while engaged in the discharge of his duty as such special delegate. In addition to the compensation said special delegate shall be allowed the sum of five dollars per day in lieu of subsistence. He shall also be allowed an amount sufficient to defray his traveling expenses while on duty, for which he shall take vouchers and submit an account accompanied by proper vouchers to the Secretary of the Interior, or such officer as he may direct, for approval.

Section 3. That the term of office of such special delegate shall be for one year. That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Choctaw Nation, and shall be paid as provided in section 11 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, entitled "An Act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes".

That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by E.A. Moore.

Read, interpreted, passed the House and referred to the Senate, this the 15th day of October 1907.

Attest: *P. J. Tule*,  
Clerk.

*W. A. Suran*,  
Speaker of the House.

Read, interpreted, passed the Senate and referred to the Principal Chief, this the 15th day of October 1907.

Attest: *S. J. Spring*,  
Clerk.

*G. W. Choate*,  
President of the Senate.

Approved, this the 15th day of October 1907.

*Green M. Curtain*,  
Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, D.C., December 6 1907.

APPROVED:

*J. Roosevelt*




OFFICE OF  
NATIONAL SECRETARY, CHOCTAW NATION.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

That the above and hereto attached Bill No. 7 is an Act of the Choctaw General Council passed at a regular session thereof in October 1907, and approved by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation in his official character October 15, 1907, and that I do hereby respectfully submit the same for the approval of the President of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of section 29 of the Act of Congress approved 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, Edward H. Wilso, National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, have hereunto affixed my official signature and the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation, this 15th day of October 1907.

  
Secretary, Choctaw Nation.