

An Act

Providing for and directing the manner of taking a Census of the Choctaw Nation:-

Sec. 1 Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled. That it is the object of this act, to secure a full, complete and reliable enumeration of the Citizens of this Nation, that it may be preserved as a perpetual record for the benefit of future generations and for that purpose, the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to appoint ^{three} ~~any number~~ Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to take a complete Census of the Citizens of this Nation beginning on the 1st day of January 1885, and to be completed as soon thereafter as it may be done, in the following manner and form - Recording the names in full of the heads of families and their children consecutively giving the ages of all and nationality of the parents; also, showing occupation, acres of land cultivated, number of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats,

hogs owned, and the number of bales of Cotton, bushels of Corn, wheat and oats raised by each family, and any other useful information.

Sec. 2 Be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall begin the work of taking the Census in any one county and shall continue in that County until the Census shall have been thoroughly completed and from thence proceed to another County until the Census of all the Counties shall have been taken.

Sec. 3 Be it further enacted. That the Commissioners ~~are~~ hereby authorized to demand in each County, the services of the Sheriff thereof, or of any one of his deputies, to assist ~~them~~ in the discharge of their duties; and for the services so rendered the Sheriff or deputy shall receive two (2) and a half Cents for each and every name recorded by the Commissioners in that County. The Commissioner shall issue the several sheriffs or their deputies a certificate for the amount of their services, and on presentation of this Certificate to him the principal Chief shall issue an order on the National ~~Bank~~ Auditor for the same.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted. That the Census,

shall be taken by actual visit and inquiry of every dwelling house or by personal inquiry of the head of every family in this Nation-

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted- That The National Secretary he and he is hereby authorized to furnish the Commissioners with- sixteen well bound books of good substantial paper and of suitable dimensions ruled in proper manner for the purpose of recording the Census hereby authorized and ordered to be taken; Immediately after the completion of the Census of each County, the commissioner shall swear to the correctness thereof, and his oath shall be recorded ⁱⁿ the book of that County- All the Census books shall be filed in the office of the National Secretary who shall affix the National Seal at the line just after the last name recorded in each book-

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted- That the Commissioners shall receive for their compensation for services rendered according to the requirements of this act the sum of ten (10) Cents for each and every name recorded- to be

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, ~~that~~ ~~no~~ ~~more~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~be~~ ~~in~~ ~~force~~ ~~from~~ ~~and~~ ~~after~~ ~~the~~ ~~passage~~ ~~of~~ ~~this~~ ~~act~~

Repealed by
Act of Congress

paid from the National Treasury upon the Certificate of the Principal Chief and upon

the completion of the census of each County and for that purpose the sum of Nineteen Hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 7 Be it further enacted that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by C. H. Frazier

Amendment to section 1st Line 11.
Strike out the word one and insert the word ^{one from each district} three in lieu thereof and add the letter S to the word Commissioner.
Section 2nd, Line 16 strike out the word treasurer and insert the word auditor.

"Approved"
November 6th 1884

Ed. McEntain

Pres. Chief
C.M.

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