

68TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4275

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3 (calendar day, JUNE 5), 1924

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

AN ACT

Authorizing the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all claims of whatsoever nature, both legal and equi-
4 table, which the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the
5 States of Oklahoma and Nebraska may have against the
6 United States, including among other things, claims for
7 moneys due the Ponca Tribe but allowed or paid to some
8 other tribe or tribes of Indians, shall be submitted to the
9 Court of Claims, with the right of appeal by either party
10 to the Supreme Court of the United States for determina-
11 tion; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of

1 Claims to hear and determine any and all such claims and
2 render final judgment thereon.

3 The Court of Claims shall advance the cause upon its
4 docket for hearing, and shall have authority to determine
5 and adjudge the rights, both legal and equitable, of the said
6 Ponca Tribe in the premises: *Provided*, That the court shall
7 hear and determine any legal or equitable defenses, set-offs,
8 or counterclaims including gratuities which the United
9 States may offer against the said Ponca Tribe, notwith-
10 standing lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and any
11 tribe or band of Indians deemed necessary to a final determi-
12 nation of any suit hereunder shall be joined as the court
13 may order. The suit or suits instituted hereunder shall
14 be begun within five years from the passage of this Act
15 by the Ponca Tribe of Indians as parties plaintiff against
16 the United States as the party defendant. The petition or
17 petitions may be verified upon information and belief as to
18 the facts therein alleged by the attorney or attorneys em-
19 ployed by the Ponca Tribe under contract approved by the
20 Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian
21 Affairs, as provided by existing law; and no other verifica-
22 tion shall be necessary: *Provided*, That upon the final de-
23 termination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall
24 have jurisdiction to decree the fees to be paid to the at-
25 torney or attorneys not to exceed 10 per centum of the

1 amount of the judgment rendered in favor of said Indians
2 and in no event to exceed the sum of \$25,000, together with
3 all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation
4 and prosecution of the suit; and the same shall be paid out
5 of any sum or sums found due said tribe.

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 1924.

Attest:

WM. TYLER PAGE,

Clerk.

CONGRESS }
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4275

AN ACT

Authorizing the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

JUNE 3 (calendar day, JUNE 5), 1924

Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Indian Affairs