

S 2799

Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Resources. (Nov 19, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 4, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2002 - **Title I: Gila River Judgment Fund Distribution** - (Sec. 101) Requires the per capita distribution of funds paid in settlement of claims made in Docket Nos. 236-C and 236-D, Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community v. United States, to enrolled members of the Gila River Indian Community (Arizona).

Requires the Community to prepare a payment roll according to specified criteria. Defines eligible and ineligible recipients.

Requires the Gila River Indian Community to provide to the Secretary of the Interior: (1) a notice that indicates the total number of eligible recipients; and (2) enrollment information necessary to allow the Secretary to establish estate accounts for deceased recipients and Individual Indian Money accounts for legally incompetent individuals and minors.

Directs the Secretary to disburse funds within 30 days after Community approval of the payment roll. Makes special provision for deceased or legally incompetent individuals and minors.

Permits payments of eligible individuals not on the roll out of residual funds and Community-owned funds, as specified.

Requires that any judgment funds remaining after distribution, any share remaining unclaimed for six years, or any unpayable share be deposited in the general fund of the Community.

Title II: Conditions Relating To Community Judgment Fund Plans - (Sec. 201) Directs the Community to modify the judgment funds distribution plans in Docket No. 228 of the U.S. Claims Court and Docket No. 236-N of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims to require the Secretary to: (1) hold the per capital shares of minors in trust until they attain age 18; (2) not disburse judgment funds or interest earned until a minor attains age 18; and (3) distribute to the Community and deposit in its general fund, upon Community request, any residual principal and interest funds remaining after the Community has declared the per capita payments have been completed.

Title III: Expert Assistance Loans - (Sec. 301) Cancels the balance of all outstanding expert assistance loans to the Gila River Indian Community made by the Department of the Interior.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11224-11227; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11224-11225; text as passed Senate: CR S11226-11227)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11224-11227; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11224-11225; text as passed Senate: CR S11226-11227)
- **Oct 4, 2002:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Inouye with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-298.
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- **Oct 4, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 635.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7375)
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7375-7378)