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Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S212

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2121-2126) (Mar 9, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 9, 2001
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 9, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 9, 2001)

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Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 2001 - Establishes the Commission on Indian Tribal Recognition as an independent establishment which shall assume the authority of the Department of the Interior to recognize a petitioning Indian group's tribal status.

Sets forth operating and documented petitioning procedures, including an opportunity for Indian groups denied recognition to a hearing under specified circumstances. Requires documented petitions to contain detailed, specific evidence, including: (1) statements of facts establishing that the petitioner has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1871, that a predominant portion of the petitioner's membership comprises a community distinct from those communities surrounding it and has existed as a community from historical times to the present, and that the petitioner has maintained political influence or authority over its members as an autonomous entity from historical times until the time of the petition; (2) a copy of the petitioner's governing document or description of the petitioner's membership criteria and the petitioner's governing procedures; and (3) a list of the petitioner's current members, a copy of each available former list of members based on the petitioner's defined criteria, and a description of the methods used in preparing those lists.

Requires the Commission to publish an annual list of recognized Indian tribes.

Provides for the protection of certain privileged information.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award petition assistance grants.

Authorizes appropriations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 9, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 9, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2121)
- **Mar 9, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2121-2126)