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S. 1783

To provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 31 (legislative day, MAY 30), 2023

Mr. MULLIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.**

4 (a) JURISDICTION CONFERRED ON THE UNITED
5 STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, the United States Court of Federal
8 Claims shall have jurisdiction to hear, determine,
9 and render judgment on a land claim of the Miami
10 Tribe of Oklahoma under the Treaty between the

1 United States of America, and the tribes of Indians
2 called the Delawares, Pottawatimies, Miames, Eel
3 River, and Weas, signed at Grouseland August 21,
4 1805 (7 Stat. 91) (commonly known and referred to
5 in this Act as the “Treaty of Grouseland”), without
6 regard to the statute of limitations, including section
7 2501 of title 28, United States Code, and any delay-
8 based defense, including laches, estoppel, or acquies-
9 cence, no matter how characterized.

10 (2) LIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES.—The
11 United States shall be the only entity or individual
12 liable for a land claim made under paragraph (1).

13 (3) JURISDICTION EXPIRATION.—Not later
14 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
15 the jurisdiction conferred to the United States Court
16 of Federal Claims under paragraph (1) shall expire
17 unless the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma files a land
18 claim under that paragraph.

19 (b) EXTINGUISHMENT OF TITLE AND CLAIMS.—Ex-
20 cept for a claim filed under subsection (a)(1), all other
21 claims of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, or any member,
22 descendant, or predecessor in interest to the Miami Tribe
23 of Oklahoma, to title arising under the Treaty of
24 Grouseland are extinguished.

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