

118TH CONGRESS
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S. 2796

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

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

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 its Treaty with the United

1 States of America signed at Grouseland August 21,
2 1805 (7 Stat. 91) (commonly known as the “Treaty
3 of Grouseland”), without regard to the statute of
4 limitations, including section 2501 of title 28,
5 United States Code, and any delay-based defense, no
6 matter how characterized.

7 (2) JURISDICTION EXPIRATION.—Not later
8 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
9 the jurisdiction conferred to the United States Court
10 of Federal Claims under paragraph (1) shall expire
11 unless the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma files a land
12 claim under that paragraph.

13 (b) EXTINGUISHMENT OF TITLE AND CLAIMS.—Ex-
14 cept for a claim filed under subsection (a)(1), all other
15 claims, including any and all future claims, of the Miami
16 Tribe of Oklahoma, or any member, descendant, or prede-
17 cessor in interest to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, to land
18 in the State of Illinois are extinguished.

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