

Public Law 86-282

AN ACT

To amend section 1870 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the district courts to allow additional peremptory challenges in civil cases to multiple plaintiffs as well as multiple defendants.

September 16, 1959
[H. R. 2978]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1870 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

Courts.
Additional chal-
lenges.

"§ 1870. Challenges

"In civil cases, each party shall be entitled to three peremptory challenges. Several defendants or several plaintiffs may be considered as a single party for the purposes of making challenges, or the court may allow additional peremptory challenges and permit them to be exercised separately or jointly.

"All challenges for cause or favor, whether to the array or panel or to individual jurors, shall be determined by the court."

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AN ACT

To grant minerals, including oil and gas, on certain lands in the Crow Indian Reservation, Montana, to certain Indians, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 6508]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), as amended by the Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 658), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Crow Indians.
Mineral lands.

"SEC. 6. (a) Any and all minerals, including oil and gas, on any of the lands to be allotted hereunder are reserved for the benefit of the members of the tribe in common and may, with the consent of the tribal council, be leased for mining purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347; 25 U.S.C. 396 a-f), under such rules, regulations, and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided*, That when any land is leased for mining purposes and development thereunder shall indicate the presence of minerals, including oil and gas, in paying quantities, the lessee or lessees shall proceed with all reasonable diligence to complete the development under said lease to extract the mineral, including oil and gas, from the land leased and to bring the product mined or extracted into market as speedily as possible unless the extraction and sale thereof be withheld with the consent of the Crow Tribe of Indians: *Provided further*, That allotments hereunder may be made of lands classified as valuable chiefly for coal or other minerals which may be patented as herein provided with a reservation, set forth in the patent, of the coal, oil, gas, or other mineral deposits for the benefit of the Crow Tribe: *Provided further*, That at the expiration of fifty years from the date of approval of this Act, unless otherwise ordered by Congress, the coal, oil, gas, or other mineral deposits upon or beneath the surface of said allotted lands shall become the property of the individual allottee or his heirs or devisees, or their heirs or devisees, subject to any outstanding leases, regardless of any prior conveyance by such allottee, heirs, or devisees of the lands overlying such minerals and regardless of the form of reference in such conveyance, or lack of reference, to the minerals reserved by this Act and made subject to further order of Congress.

Title to minerals. “(b) Title to the minerals so granted shall be held by the United States in trust for the Indian owners, except that if upon the expiration of said fifty years, the entire Indian interest in the minerals within any allotment or parcel thereof is granted by this Act to a person or persons who at that time hold an unrestricted title to the lands overlying such minerals, then the Secretary of the Interior shall by fee patent transfer to such person or persons the unrestricted fee simple title to such minerals, which title shall vest in such person or persons as of the date of the patent.”

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[H. R. 213]

AN ACT

To provide additional time within which certain State agreements under section 218 of the Social Security Act may be modified to secure coverage for nonprofessional school district employees, and to permit the States of California, Kansas, North Dakota, and Vermont to obtain social security coverage, under State agreement, for policemen and firemen in positions covered by a retirement system.

Social Security.

School employ-
ees, coverage.
70 Stat. 826.
42 USC 418 note.

42 USC 418.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 104(f) of the Social Security Amendments of 1956 is amended by striking out “prior to July 1, 1957,” and inserting in lieu thereof “prior to January 1, 1962,”.

SEC. 2. Subsection (p) of section 218 of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting “California,” after “Alabama,”; “Kansas,” after “Georgia,”; “North Dakota,” after “North Carolina,” and “Vermont,” after “Tennessee,”.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d)(5)(A) of section 218 of the Social Security Act and the references thereto in subsections (d)(1) and (d)(3) of such section 218, the agreement with the State of Oklahoma heretofore entered into pursuant to such section 218 may, at any time prior to 1962, be modified pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of such section 218 so as to apply to services performed by any individual employed by such State (or any political subdivision thereof) in any policeman's position covered by a retirement system in effect on the date of enactment of this Act if (1) in the case of an individual performing such services on such date, such individual is ineligible to become a member of such retirement system, or, in the case of an individual who prior to such date has ceased to perform such services, such individual was, on the last day he did perform such services, ineligible to become a member of such retirement system, and (2) such State has, prior to 1959, paid to the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to any of the services performed by such individual in any such position, the sums prescribed pursuant to subsection (e)(1) of such section 218. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of such section 218, such modification shall be effective with respect to (i) all services performed by such individual in any such position on or after the date of enactment of this Act, and (ii) all such services, performed before such date, with respect to which such State has paid to the Secretary of the Treasury the sums prescribed pursuant to subsection (e) of such section 218, at the time or times established pursuant to such subsection.

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