

1 Indian Claims Commission, or pending before the Indian
2 Claims Commission six months after the date of this Act.
3 Prior to the expiration of such six months the plaintiffs may
4 cause their claim to be dismissed by the Indian Claims
5 Commission and the lands involved may then be included
6 in the claim filed pursuant to this section.

7 (b) As used in this section, the term "Natives of
8 Alaska" means all Alaskan Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts of
9 at least one-fourth degree Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut blood
10 living upon the date of this Act, but the distribution of any
11 judgment or award under this section shall be limited to
12 Natives of Alaska living upon the date the Congress appro-
13 priates funds to pay any judgment that may be entered
14 against the United States. It shall not include Natives who
15 have shared or will share in any award in the Tlingit claim
16 or other claims adjudicated by the Indian Claims Commis-
17 sion, or the Metlakatla Indians of the Annette Island
18 Reservation.

19 (c) The court shall award to the State of Alaska the
20 reasonable costs and expenses, including counsel fees, incurred
21 in the preparation of claims authorized to be filed by this
22 section.

23 SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the right of
24 Natives as citizens to acquire public lands of the United
25 States under the Native Allotment Act of May 17, 1906