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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to state recognition of Indian tribes 3 and bands; creating s. 285.195, F.S.; providing for 4 state recognition of specified Indian tribes and 5 bands; authorizing Indian tribes and bands to petition 6 the Secretary of State for state recognition; 7 authorizing the Secretary of State to review such 8 petitions and make certain recommendations to the 9 Legislature by specified dates; requiring the Secretary of State to consider certain factors when 10 11 making such recommendations; requiring the Secretary of State to make its first recommendations by a 12 13 specified date; providing construction; providing an effective date. 14 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 Section 1. Section 285.195, Florida Statutes, is created 18 19 to read: 20 285.195 State recognition of Indian tribes and bands.-This state recognizes the following Indian tribes and 21 22 bands: 23 (a) The Seminole Tribe of Florida. 24 (b) The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. 25 (C) The Santa Rosa Band of the Lower Muscogee.

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(d) The Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

- (2)(a) Any other Indian tribe or band may petition the

  Secretary of State for state recognition. The Secretary of State

  may review those petitions and make recommendations to the

  Legislature concerning other Indian tribes or bands to be

  recognized by the state no later than October 1 of each odd
  numbered year.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall take into consideration the actions of an Indian tribe or band to preserve the culture, language, and history of the Indian tribe or band when deciding whether to recommend state recognition. These actions may be demonstrated by appropriate documentation, including, but not limited to:
  - 1. Anthropological, historical, or genealogical documents.
  - 2. Documented traditions, customs, or legends.
- 3. Documentation of relationships with other Indian tribes or bands recognized by a state or the federal government, including communal interaction of spiritual, educational, and social institutions.
- (3) State recognition of an Indian tribe or band under this section may not be construed to create any basis or authority not otherwise provided by law for an Indian tribe or band to establish or promote any form of otherwise prohibited gaming activity or to claim any interest in land or real estate.
  - Section 2. The Secretary of State must make its first

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51	recommendations under s. 285.195(2)(a), Florida Statutes, no
52	later than October 1, 2025.
53	Section 3 This act shall take effect July 1 2023

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