

26 (d) The Poarch Band of Creek Indians.
 27 (2)(a) Any other Indian tribe or band may petition the
 28 Secretary of State for state recognition. The Secretary of State
 29 may review those petitions and make recommendations to the
 30 Legislature concerning other Indian tribes or bands to be
 31 recognized by the state no later than October 1 of each odd-
 32 numbered year.

33 (b) The Secretary of State shall take into consideration
 34 the actions of an Indian tribe or band to preserve the culture,
 35 language, and history of the Indian tribe or band when deciding
 36 whether to recommend state recognition. These actions may be
 37 demonstrated by appropriate documentation, including, but not
 38 limited to:

- 39 1. Anthropological, historical, or genealogical documents.
 40 2. Documented traditions, customs, or legends.
 41 3. Documentation of relationships with other Indian tribes
 42 or bands recognized by a state or the federal government,
 43 including communal interaction of spiritual, educational, and
 44 social institutions.

45 (3) State recognition of an Indian tribe or band under
 46 this section may not be construed to create any basis or
 47 authority not otherwise provided by law for an Indian tribe or
 48 band to establish or promote any form of otherwise prohibited
 49 gaming activity or to claim any interest in land or real estate.

50 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.