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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 (1)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. Page 1 of 3

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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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52	52 later than October 1, 2025.	later than October 1, 2025.				
53	53 Section 3. This act shall take e	effect July 1, 2023.				

recommendations under s. 285.195(2)(a), Florida Statutes, no

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