

**SB183 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senator Carnley  
4 RFD: Judiciary  
5 First Read: 20-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe; to  
5 authorize the tribe to employ certified police officers to  
6 provide protection to tribal property and tribal property  
7 residents; and to describe and limit the duties of tribal  
8 police officers.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
11 following terms have the following meanings:

12 (1) POLICE OFFICER. A law enforcement officer appointed  
13 by the tribe pursuant to subsection (b) who meets all of the  
14 requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and  
15 Training Commission for certified law enforcement officers.

16 (2) RESERVATION. The area within the boundaries of the  
17 Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe Reservation, including all  
18 structures, fixtures, and personal property owned by the  
19 tribe, and any property owned or held in trust for the tribe  
20 by the United States.

21 (3) TRIBE. The tribe of Indians organized as a  
22 nonprofit corporation known as the MaChis Lower Alabama Creek  
23 Indian Tribe and recognized by the State of Alabama as the  
24 Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe.

25 (b) The council of the tribe may employ one or more  
26 suitable individuals to act as police officers to protect the  
27 reservation from intruders and trespassers, to prevent damage  
28 to the properties of the reservation, and to provide for the



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safety of residents and employees of the reservation. No state or local funds allocated for law enforcement purposes shall be used to provide financial support for the police officers hired by the tribe. The authority of any individual hired as a police officer shall immediately cease when the individual ceases to be an employee of the tribe.

(c) (1) Any police officer hired by the tribe pursuant to subsection (b) shall be charged with all of the powers of state police officers, including, but not limited to, the right to bear firearms. A police officer may do any of the following:

a. Eject trespassers from the buildings and grounds of the reservation.

b. Without a warrant, arrest an individual who is engaging in disorderly conduct, trespassing upon reservation property, or committing any offense on the reservation in the presence of the police officer.

c. Bring any individual arrested under paragraph b. before a court having jurisdiction and, upon proper affidavit, charge the individual with committing the offense.

d. With a lawful warrant, arrest any individual for committing any offense on the reservation and bring the individual before a court having jurisdiction for charging and prosecution.

(2) Any individual who is lawfully arrested by a police officer who is employed by the tribe may be received into the custody of the law enforcement agency that would otherwise have jurisdiction over the offense for incarceration and may



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be prosecuted before the court having jurisdiction.

(d) The power of a police officer employed by the tribe pursuant to this section may be exercised only upon the reservation, and a police officer may not otherwise act as a police officer off of the reservation except under either of the following conditions:

(1) When lawfully pursuing any offender suspected of committing an offense while on the reservation.

(2) When making an arrest for a felony that has been committed either in the presence of the police officer or, where probable cause exists, on the reservation.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed  
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 29-Apr-25

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By: Senator Carnley