

1 contiguous tracts from among the public lands withdrawn
 2 pursuant to section 10 (d), in order of their proximity to the
 3 center of the village, until its selection rights are exhausted.

4 (b) If a Native village possesses a council, board of di-
 5 rectors or other governing body recognized by the Secretary
 6 as having authority to act for such village, and which is both
 7 composed of and elected exclusively by Natives, such coun-
 8 cil, board or governing body is hereby authorized to exercise
 9 the land selection rights of its village. In the absence of a
 10 recognized council, board of directors or other governing
 11 body of a Native village listed in section 10 (c), the Secre-
 12 tary shall hold an election for such village, under such rules
 13 and regulations as he may prescribe, at which a five-man
 14 village land selection committee shall be chosen, and the
 15 committee so elected is hereby authorized to exercise the land
 16 selection rights of its village. The Secretary shall hold all
 17 village elections hereunder within one year after the effective
 18 date of this Act, and the persons entitled to vote therein or
 19 serve on the land selection committee shall be the members
 20 of each Native village nineteen years of age or over, as shown
 21 on the temporary census roll prepared pursuant to section
 22 7 (a).

23 (c) (1) Where two or more Native villages, because of
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