



# KICKAPOO TRIBE in Kansas

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Hello Tribal Members,

The Secretarial Election notice you should have received in the mail, is to register to vote on the proposed Tribe's constitutional amendments. The Secretarial Election is not run by the Tribe, but by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, so if you do not register to vote by November 7, 2016, you cannot vote in the Secretarial Elections.

Once you have registered to vote, the next step is to vote on the individual constitutional amendments. Registered voters should receive an absentee ballot. This is your vote and your chance to amend the constitution, which the Tribe has been under since 1937. Absentee ballots must be received by the BIA by December 5, 2016 (12:00 p.m. CST).

Please read the following documents about the Secretarial Election and proposed constitutional amendments.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the Tribe's Secretarial Election Committee: Bernadette Thomas, Carla Ramirez-Cavin, Tina Wahwasuck, Tammy Wahwassuck, PJ McKinney, at 785-486-2131.

Sincerely,

PJ McKinney



# United States Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Southern Plains Regional Office  
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Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

October 7, 2016

## **SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

### **KICKAPOO TRIBE OF INDIANS OF THE KICKAPOO RESERVATION IN KANSAS**

Tribal members of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas are hereby advised an election will be held on **Monday, December 5, 2016**, for the purpose of voting on the proposed constitutional amendments submitted on May 26, 2016 by the Tribal council. The election will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs according to Article VII of the Constitution for the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and in accordance with Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 81). This election is NOT a tribal election and will NOT be conducted under tribal election procedures.

Pursuant to the requirements of 25 CFR Part 81.10, **only adult tribal members who register to vote** in this election will be entitled to vote on the adoption or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendments. A notice is being mailed to all members 18 years of age and older at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll with a Voter Registration Form. Some 17 year old tribal members will receive this notice and have an opportunity to register. However, only those who are at least 18 years old on the date of the election will be allowed to vote, provided they have registered. **Any member who does not receive a Voter Registration Packet by mail or it has become lost may pick up one in person at:**

- Tribal Government Center at 824 111<sup>th</sup> Drive, Horton, KS 66439.
- Horton Agency, 908 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East, Horton, KS 66439.

**THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE KICKAPOO TRIBE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD, BY MAIL AT P.O. BOX 1611, ANADARKO, OK 73005 NO LATER THAN 12:00 P.M. (CENTRAL STANDARD TIME) ON NOVEMBER 7, 2016.**

This election is to be conducted by **absentee ballots only**. There will be no polling sites. If your registration form is received by the deadline, you will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot. You will not need to make a separate request for an absentee ballot.

It is particularly important and is emphasized and repeated that **only adult tribal members who register to vote in this election will be permitted to cast ballots on the adoption or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendments.**

Immediately after the ballots are counted, the results of the election will be posted at the

Tribal Government Center  
824 111<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Trading Post  
898 K-20 Hwy  
Horton, KS 66439

Senior Citizens  
885 112<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Housing Authority  
888 112<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Kickapoo Tribal Court  
822 K20 Hwy, Suite E  
Horton, KS 66439

Kickapoo Nation Health Center  
1117 Goldfinch Rd.  
Horton, Kansas 66436

Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board



# United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs

## RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 25 PART 81 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

RULES TO GOVERN THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO ADOPT OR REJECT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS.

1. **ELECTION DATE:** December 5, 2016 (Absentee ballots must be received by 12:00 p.m. CST)
2. **POLLING PLACE:** NONE – **ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING ONLY**
3. **ELIGIBLE VOTERS:** All enrolled members who are 18 years old or older on the day of the election and who have registered with the Secretary of the Interior will be permitted to vote to adopt or reject the proposed constitutional amendment.

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD TO BE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

4. **REGISTRATION:** The "Voter Registration Form" must be completed and received by the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board by mail (self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed) to the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board, P.O. Box 1611, Anadarko, Oklahoma by **November 7, 2016**. If you do not receive the registration material or it has become lost, you may pick up the Voter Registration Packet from the:
  - Tribal Government Center at 824 111<sup>th</sup> Drive, Horton, KS – Tammy Wahwassuck.
  - Horton Agency, 908 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. East, Horton, KS 66439.

**IMPORTANT: If you do not properly register with the Secretary of the Interior, you will not be allowed to participate in this election.**

5. **REGISTRATION FORM:** Voters that sign the "Voter Registration Form" using an "X" or a thumb print must have two (2) individuals sign as witnesses.
6. **VOTERS LIST:** The registered voter list shall be in alphabetical order and shall be posted for review no later than November 15, 2016, at the following locations:

Tribal Government Center  
824 111<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Trading Post  
898 K-20 Hwy  
Horton, KS 66439

Senior Citizens  
885 112<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Housing Authority  
888 112<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Horton, KS 66439

Kickapoo Tribal Court  
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Horton, KS 66439

Kickapoo Nation Health Center  
1117 Goldfinch Rd.  
Horton, Kansas 66436

7. **ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:** Any individual whose name does not appear on the official eligible voter list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board. The right to vote of anyone whose name is on the list may also be challenged in writing to the Secretarial Election Board by

**(\*\*SEE REVERSE SIDE\*\*)**

November 25, 2016 (25 CFR Part 81.32)

Such challenges must be sent to: Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board, P.O. Box 1611, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005. Challenges must be received by November 25, 2016. The Secretarial Election Board shall meet to pass/reject on any challenge; the Board's decision shall be final.

8. **ABSENTEE VOTING:** Registered voters will vote by absentee ballot. Hand delivered absentee ballots will not be accepted under any circumstances. Absentee ballots must be received through the U.S. Postal Service. If more than one ballot is received from any one individual, neither ballot will be counted.

Absentee ballots must be received by the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board at P.O. Box 71 Horton, KS, no later than 12:00 p.m. (CST) on December 5, 2016.

9. **COUNTING OF BALLOTS:** The ballots will be counted at the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Tribal Government Center. Counting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2016. Individuals present for the counting are asked not to interact or distract the election officials or workers during the counting process or they will be asked to leave.

10. **POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:** The results of the election shall be posted at the:

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Horton, KS 66439

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Horton, KS 66439

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11. **CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Any eligible voter may challenge the election results within three (3) days following posting of the results of the election. The challenge must be in writing, filed with the Secretary of the Interior through the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas Secretarial Election Board Chairperson, and must give the grounds for the challenge with substantiating evidence. If, in the opinion of the Secretary, the objections are valid and warrant a recount or new election, the Secretary shall so order. The results of the recount or new election shall be final.

**CONTEST MUST BE FILED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2016, AT:  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
SOUTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE  
ATTENTION: KICKAPOO OF KANSAS SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. BOX 368  
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA 73005**

12. **ADOPTION:** The proposed amendments to the constitution shall be effective when approved by the Secretary of the Interior, if the majority vote in favor of adoption; provided, at least 30 percent (30%) of the registered voters have cast ballots in the election.

  
Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENT A

Change the name of the Tribe from "The Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas" to "The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas".

### AMENDMENT B

Removes the Secretary of the Interior from all Articles throughout the Constitution.

### AMENDMENT C

Article II, Section (d) is removed: All children of one-fourth degree or more of Kickapoo Indian blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment No. 1 of a marriage between a member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and any other person; provided such child is admitted to membership by a majority vote of the tribal members in general council.

### AMENDMENT D

**Article III- Section 1 - Governing Body:** The Governing body of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas shall be the Tribal Council which shall be composed of seven members elected by the General Council. The General Council shall be defined as all enrolled tribal members age twenty one (21) and older.

The Tribal Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and three additional members are identified as Council Member One, Council Member Two and Council Member Three.

**Article III-Section 2** – The election of tribal council members shall be held on the second Saturday in September. The Chairperson, Treasurer and Council Member Two and Council Member Three will serve for three years following the first election. The Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Council Member One will serve for two years following the first election. Thereafter, Tribal Council members elected shall serve for three year terms or until their successors are elected and installed in office.

- (a) After approval of the revision(s), and beginning with the first election following approval of these revision(s), the Tribal Election Board shall give notice of the Tribal Council election and within ninety (90) days thereafter shall conduct an election for members of the first Tribal Council under these revision(s). The Tribal Election Board shall make the necessary regulations in conformity with these revision(s) for the first election. Any qualified member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas who desires that his or her name be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Council Member One, Two or Three shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Tribal Election Board for the first election under these revision(s) showing his or her name and the office for which he or she desires to become a candidate. Such declaration must be filed at least sixty (60) days prior to the election date.
- (b) Conduct of all elections after the first election under these revision(s) shall be pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution and the tribal election ordinance.
- (c) All ballots from the polling place will be counted following the closing of the polling place.

### Article III, Section 3

At the first meeting following the election, the incoming Tribal Council will organize for business by appointing, from members of the Tribal Council or of the General Council, committees or boards as it

may deem necessary. Eligibility for membership on such boards and committees shall be consistent with those requirements outlined in Article III, Section 5.

#### **Article III, Section 5**

- (a) A person must be an enrolled member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas to qualify as a candidate for a position on the Tribal Council.
- (b) A person must be 25 years or older, and be available to fulfill the duties of office to qualify for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Council Member One, Two, or Three, on the Tribal Council.
- (c) A person must be eligible to be bonded.
- (d) No individual may qualify for more than one position at any election.
- (e) If there are any positions on the Tribal Council which are vacant due to lack of candidates, those positions shall be considered vacant and filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 3.
- (f) Members of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas convicted of a felony are ineligible for candidacy.

#### **AMENDMENT E**

##### **Article IV, Sections 1-4**

Changes all references of Councilmen to Councilpersons.

##### **Article IV, Section 3**

Vacancies in the Tribal Council caused by removal, death or resignation shall be filled by election except when there is less than six (6) months remaining in the term, the Tribal Council by majority vote shall appoint a member a General Council who qualifies pursuant to Article III, Section 5. Such appointee shall service in the vacated position for the unexpired term.

##### **Article IV, Section 4**

Any Tribal Councilperson convicted of a felony, while in office, shall be ineligible to serve the remainder of his or her term in office. Upon receipt of evidence that a Tribal Councilperson has been convicted of a felony, the Tribal Council shall hold a hearing and the accused Councilperson shall be afforded an opportunity to show cause why his or her position on the council should not be declared vacant. The only defense shall be that the Councilperson was, in fact, not convicted of a felony.

#### **AMENDMENT F**

##### **Article V, Section 1**

Enumerated Powers – The Tribal Council of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the statutes or the Constitution of the United States;

- (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments;
- (b) To employ legal counsel;
- (c) To prevent the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands;
- (d) To make and enforce ordinances, providing for the manner of making, holding and revoking assignments of tribal land or interests therein;
- (e) To provide for the levying of taxes and the appropriation of available tribal funds for public purposes of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
- (f) To lease tribal land in accordance with law;
- (g) To regulate the procedure of the Council itself and other tribal agencies and of tribal meetings and elections;

- (h) To charter subordinate organizations for economic purposes and to delegate to such organizations, or to any subordinate boards, committees, or officials of the tribe, any of the foregoing powers, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power;
- (i) To govern the conduct of Indians on the reservation; and to provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice by establishing appropriate courts on the reservation and defining their duties and powers. All codes and ordinances will be enacted by the Tribal Council.

**Article V, Section 4**

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**BY-LAWS OF THE KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS**

**AMENDMENT G**

**Article 1, Section 3.**

Secretary of the Tribal Council – The Secretary shall conduct all tribal correspondence and shall keep and accurate record of all matters transacted at tribal council meetings. All records of the Secretary are subject to review by the General Council and can be copied during normal business hours.

**AMENDMENT H**

**Article III - Deleted**

<u>CURRENT</u>	CURRENT SHOWING CHANGES	<u>REVISED</u>
<p>CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KICKAPOO TRIBE OF INDIANS OF THE KICKAPOO RESERVATION IN KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PREAMBLE</u></p> <p>We, the people of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in order to form a recognized representative council to handle our tribal affairs; in order to take advantage of the benefits of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and in order to improve the economic condition of members of the tribe, do establish this Constitution and By-laws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE I. – TERRITORY</u></p> <p>The jurisdiction of the Kickapoo Tribe shall extend to the territory within the confines of the Kickapoo Reservation as defined under the Treaty of May 18, 1854, and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto under any law of the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE II. – MEMBERSHIP</u></p> <p><b>SECTION 1.</b> The membership of the Kickapoo Tribe shall consist of:</p> <p>(a.) All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official census roll of the Kickapoo Tribe as of January 1, 1937, provided that within one year from the adoption and approval of Amendment No. 1 to this Constitution and By-laws corrections may be made in the said roll by the Tribal Council subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.</p> <p>(b) All children born during the period from January 1, 1937, the date of the census roll, to the effective date of Amendment No. 1, to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe who is a resident of the Reservation at the time of the birth of said children; provided that</p>	<p>CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KICKAPOO TRIBE <del>OF INDIANS OF THE KICKAPOO RESERVATION</del> IN KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PREAMBLE</u></p> <p>We, the people of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in order to form a recognized representative council to handle our tribal affairs; in order to take advantage of the benefits of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and in order to improve the economic condition of <b>the</b> members of the tribe, do establish this Constitution and By-laws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE I. – TERRITORY</u></p> <p>The jurisdiction of the Kickapoo Tribe <b>in Kansas</b> shall extend to the territory within the confines of the Kickapoo Reservation as defined under the Treaty of May 18, 1854, and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto under any law of the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE II. – MEMBERSHIP</u></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The membership of the Kickapoo Tribe <b>in Kansas</b> shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official census roll of the Kickapoo Tribe <b>in Kansas</b> as of January 1, 1937, provided that within one year from the adoption and approval of Amendment No. 1 <b>(August 20, 1960)</b>, to this Constitution and By-laws corrections may be made in the said roll by the Tribal Council <del>subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.</del></p> <p>(b) All children born during the period from January 1, 1937, the date of the census roll, to the effective date of Amendment No. 1, <b>(August 20, 1960)</b>, to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe <b>in Kansas</b> who is a resident of the Reservation at the time of the birth of said children; provided that</p>	<p>CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PREAMBLE</u></p> <p>We, the people of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in order to form a recognized representative council to handle our tribal affairs; in order to take advantage of the benefits of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and in order to improve the economic condition of the members of the tribe, do establish this Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE I – TERRITORY</u></p> <p>The jurisdiction of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas shall extend to the territory within the confines of the Kickapoo Reservation as defined under the Treaty of May 18, 1854 and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto under any law of the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP</u></p> <p><b>Section 1.</b> The membership of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas shall consist of:</p> <p>(a) All persons of Indian Blood whose names appear on the official census roll of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas as of January 1, 1937, provided that within one year from the adoption and approval of Amendment No. 1 to this Constitution and Bylaws corrections may be made in the said roll by the Tribal Council.</p> <p>(b) All children born during the period from January 1, 1937, the date of the census roll, to the effective date of Amendment No. 1 (August 20, 1960), to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas who is a resident of the Reservation at the time of the birth of said children; provided that children born off the reservation during that period to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas may be admitted to membership by a majority vote of</p>

children born off the reservation during that period to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe may be admitted to membership by a majority vote of the tribal members in general council.

- (c) All children of one-fourth degree or more of Kickapoo blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment No. 1, both of whose parents are members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas.
- (d) All children of one-fourth degree or more of Kickapoo Indian blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment No. 1 of a marriage between a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas and any other person; provided such child is admitted to membership by a majority vote of the tribal members in general council.

**SECTION 2.** The Kickapoo Tribe shall have the power to adopt persons of one-fourth degree or more Indian blood who are residing within the boundaries of the jurisdiction of the Potawatomi Area Field Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and who are intermarried with members of the tribe, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior provided that such persons relinquish their membership in any other tribe.

**SECTION 3.** The Tribal Council shall have the power to make ordinances, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior governing the adoption of other persons of Indian blood, and governing future membership.

#### ARTICLE III-GOVERNING BODY

**SECTION 1.** The governing body of the Kickapoo Tribe shall be the Tribal Council which shall be composed of seven members elected by the tribe.

**SECTION 2.** The election shall be held annually on the first Monday in October. Within 30 days after the adoption and

children born off the reservation during that period to any member of the Kickapoo Tribe **in Kansas** may be admitted to membership by a majority vote of the tribal members in general council.

- (c) All children of one-fourth degree or more of Kickapoo blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment No. 1 both of whose parents are members of the Kickapoo Tribe **of Kansas.**
- (d) ~~All children of one-fourth degree or more of Kickapoo Indian blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment No. 1 of a marriage between a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas and any other person; provided such child is admitted to membership by a majority vote of the tribal members in general council.~~

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**Section 2.** The election of tribal council members shall be held on the second Saturday in September. The Chairperson, Treasurer and Council Member Two and Council Member Three will serve for three years following the first election. The Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Council Member One will serve for two years following the first election. Thereafter, Tribal Council members elected shall serve for three year terms or until their successors are elected and installed in

approval of this Constitution and By-laws the present Business Committee shall call, hold and supervise an election for members of the Tribal Council. The four persons receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until their successors are elected at the second annual election and the three receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until their successors are elected at the second annual election which shall be held on the first Monday in October following the approval of this Constitution and By-laws. After this first election called by the Business Committee, the Councilmen elected at each annual election shall serve for two years.

**SECTION 3.** After each election of Councilmen the Tribal Council shall meet and organize for business by electing from its own number a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and by appointing from the members of the Council or the tribe such other officials, committees or boards as may be deemed necessary.

**SECTION 4.** All members of the tribe who are 21 years of age or over shall be qualified voters in General Council meetings and tribal elections.

**SECTION 5.** Any member of the tribe, 21 years of age or over, shall be qualified to hold office as Councilman.

#### ARTICLE IV. VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF COUNCILMEN

**SECTION 1.** Upon a petition signed by 30 percent of the qualified voters of the tribe stating a complaint against a member of the Tribal Council and asking for his recall, the Tribal Council shall call a meeting of the tribe to vote on whether or not the Councilman shall be recalled. At such meeting the accused Councilman shall be given an opportunity to speak in his own defense. If such Councilman is recalled, the tribe shall proceed to elect a person to

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**Changed wording and added subsections a, b and c.**

~~**Section 3.** After each election of Councilmen the Tribal Council shall meet and organize for business by electing from its own number a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and by appointing from the members of the Council or the tribe such other officials, committees or boards as may be deemed necessary.~~ **This section is reworded.**

**Section 4.** All members of the tribe who are 21 years of age or over shall be qualified voters in General council meetings and tribal elections.

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#### ARTICLE IV. VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF **COUNCILMEN** ~~changed~~ **to COUNCILPERSONS**

**Section 1.** Upon a petition signed by 30 percent of the qualified voters of the **tribe General Council** stating a complaint against a member of the Tribal Council and asking for his **or her** recall, the Tribal

office.

- (a) After approval of the revision(s), and beginning with the first election following approval of these revision(s), the Tribal Election Board shall give notice of the Tribal Council election and within ninety (90) days thereafter shall conduct an election for members of the first Tribal Council under these revision(s). The Tribal Election Board shall make the necessary regulations in conformity with these revision(s) for the first election. Any qualified member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas who desires that his or her name be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Council Member One, Two or Three shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Tribal Election Board for the first election under these revision(s) showing his or her name and the office for which he or she desires to become a candidate. Such declaration must be filed at least sixty (60) days prior to the election date.
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**Section 4.** All members of the tribe who are 21 years of age or over shall be qualified voters in General Council

fill the unexpired term.

**SECTION 2.** The Tribal Council may by a vote of five of its members remove a Councilman for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, after giving such Councilman notice of the charge and an opportunity to be heard.

**SECTION 3.** Vacancies in the Tribal Council caused by removal, death or resignation may be filled by the Tribal Council by appointment of a member of the tribe to serve as Councilman for the unexpired term.

#### ARTICLE V-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**SECTION 1. Enumerated powers.** The Tribal Council of the Kickapoo Tribe shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the statues or the Constitution of the United States;

- (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments;
- (b) To employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior;
- (c) To veto any sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other assets of the tribe;
- (d) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or federal projects for the benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress;
- (e) To make and enforce ordinances, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the manner of making, holding and revoking assignments of tribal land or interests therein
- (f) To provide for the levying of taxes and the appropriation of available tribal funds for public purposes of the Kickapoo Tribe;
- (g) To lease tribal land in accordance with law;
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**Section 2.** The Tribal Council may by a vote of five of its members remove a ~~Councilman~~ **Councilperson** for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, after giving such ~~Councilman~~ **Councilperson** notice of the charge and an opportunity to be heard.

**Section 3.** Vacancies in the Tribal Council caused by removal, death or resignation ~~may be filled by the Tribal Council by appointment of a member of the tribe to serve as Councilman for the unexpired term.~~

**Changed wording in this section and added Section 4.**

#### ARTICLE V-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Section 1. Enumerated powers.** The Tribal Council of the Kickapoo Tribe **In Kansas** shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the statues or the Constitution of the United States;

- ~~(b.)~~ To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments;
- ~~(c.)~~ To employ legal counsel; ~~the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior;~~
- (d.)** To ~~veto any~~ **prevent the** sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other ~~tribal~~ **tribal** assets ~~of the tribe~~ **without consent of the Tribal Council;**
- ~~(e.)~~ To ~~advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or federal projects for the benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to~~

meetings and tribal elections.

#### Section 5.

- (a) A person must be an enrolled member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas to qualify as a candidate for a position on the Tribal Council.
- (b) A person must be 25 years or older, and be available to fulfill the duties of office to qualify for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Council Member One, Two, or Three, on the Tribal Council.
- (c) A person must be eligible to be bonded.
- (d) No individual may qualify for more than one position at any election.
- (e) If there are any positions on the Tribal Council which are vacant due to lack of candidates, those positions shall be considered vacant and filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 3.
- (f) Members of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas convicted of a felony are ineligible for candidacy.

#### ARTICLE IV – VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF COUNCILPERSONS

**Section 1.** Upon a petition signed by 30 percent of the qualified voters of the General Council stating a complaint against a member of the Tribal Council and asking for his or her recall, the Tribal Council shall call a meeting of the General Council to vote on whether or not the Councilperson shall be recalled. At such meeting the accused Councilperson shall be given an opportunity to speak in his or her own defense. If such Councilperson is recalled, the General Council shall proceed to elect a person to fill the unexpired term.

**Section 2.** The Tribal Council may by a vote of five of its members remove a Councilperson for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, after giving such Councilperson notice of the charge and an

Council itself and other tribal agencies and of tribal meetings and elections.

- (i) To charter subordinate organizations for economic purposes and to delegate to such organizations, or to any subordinate boards, committees, or officials of the tribe, any of the foregoing powers, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power.
- (j) To govern the conduct of Indians on the reservation; and to provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice by establishing appropriate courts on the reservation and defining their duties and powers. All codes and ordinances enacted by the Tribal Council pursuant to this authority shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

**SECTION 2. Future Powers:** The Tribal Council may exercise such further powers as may in the future be delegated to the Council by any member of the tribe or by the Secretary of the Interior or any other duly authorized official or agency of the State or Federal Government.

**SECTION 3. Reserved powers:** Any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Kickapoo Tribe but not expressly referred to in this Constitution shall not be abridged by this article, but may be exercised by the people of the Kickapoo Tribe through the adoption of appropriate By-laws and constitutional amendment.

**SECTION 4. Manner of review:** Any resolution or ordinance which by the terms of this Constitution, is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be presented to the Superintendent of the reservation who shall, within ten days thereafter, approve or disapprove the same.

If the Superintendent shall approve any ordinance or resolution, it shall thereupon become effective, but the Superintendent shall transmit a copy of the same, bearing his endorsement, to the Secretary of the

~~the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress; **changed subsection**~~

- ~~(f.) To make and enforce ordinances, which shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the manner or making, holding and revoking assignments of tribal land or interests therein; **now subsection (d)**~~
- ~~(g.) To provide for the levying of taxes and the appropriation of available tribal funds for public purposes of the Kickapoo Tribe **in Kansas; now subsection (e)**~~
- ~~(h.) To lease tribal land in accordance with law; **now subsection (f)**~~
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**Section 3.** Vacancies in the Tribal Council caused by removal, death or resignation shall be filled by election except when there is less than six (6) months remaining in the term, the Tribal Council by majority vote shall appoint a member a General Council who qualifies pursuant to Article III, Section 5. Such appointee shall serve in the vacated position for the unexpired term.

**Section 4.** Any Tribal Councilperson convicted of a felony, while in office, shall be ineligible to serve the remainder of his or her term in office. Upon receipt of evidence that a Tribal Councilperson has been convicted of a felony, the Tribal Council shall hold a hearing and the accused Councilperson shall be afforded an opportunity to show cause why his or her position on the council should not be declared vacant. The only defense shall be that the Councilperson was, in fact, not convicted of a felony.

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- (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local governments;
- (b) To employ legal counsel;
- (c) To prevent the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other tribal assets without the consent of the Tribal Council
- (d) To make and enforce ordinances, providing for the manner of making, holding and revoking assignments of tribal land or interests therein;
- (e) To provide for the levying of taxes and the appropriation of available tribal funds for public

Interior, who may, within 90 days from the date of enactment, annul the said ordinance or resolution for any cause, by notifying the Tribal Council of such decision.

If the Superintendent shall refuse to approve any ordinance of resolution submitted to him, within ten days after its enactment, he shall advise the Tribal Council of his reasons therefore. If these reasons appear to the Tribal Council insufficient it may, by a majority vote, refer the ordinance or resolution to the Secretary of the Interior who may, within 90 days from the date of its enactment, approve the same in writing, whereupon the said ordinance or resolution shall become effective.

#### **ARTICLE VI – REFERENDUM**

**SECTION 1.** Upon petition by 30 percent of the qualified voters of the tribe protesting any action of the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council shall call a special meeting of the tribe to vote on whether the action of the Council shall be vetoed or upheld. The action of the tribe shall be final.

#### **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least 30 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election; but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon receipt of a request from the Tribal Council or a petition signed by one-third of the qualified voters.

**Section 3. Reserved powers:** Any rights and powers heretofore vested in the Kickapoo Tribe **in Kansas** but not expressly referred to in this Constitution shall not be abridged by this article, but may be exercised by the people of the Kickapoo Tribe **in Kansas** through the adoption of appropriate By-laws and constitutional amendment(s).

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ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**SECTION 1. Chairman of the Tribal Council.** The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the tribe, and shall perform the usual duties of a Chairman, and exercise any authority delegated to him by the Council.

**SECTION 2. Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council.** The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman when called upon to do so and in the absence of the Chairman he shall preside. When so presiding, he shall have all the rights, privileges and duties as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

**SECTION 3. Secretary of the Tribal Council.** The Secretary shall conduct all tribal correspondence and shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at tribal council meetings, which record shall be available to the Superintendent of the jurisdiction and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, upon their request.

**SECTION 4. Treasurer of the Tribal Council.** The Treasurer shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds in the care of the Council. He shall deposit all funds in such depository as the Tribal Council shall direct and shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds and shall report on all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession and custody, at such times as are requested by the Tribal Council. He shall not pay out or otherwise disburse any funds in his possession or care except in accordance with a resolution duly passed by the Tribal Council. When in the opinion of the Tribal Council or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, sufficient funds have accumulated to the Tribal Council Treasury

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**Section 4.** Treasurer of the Tribal Council – The Treasurer shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds in the care of the Council. He or she shall deposit all funds in such depository as the Tribal Council shall direct and shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds and shall report on all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession and custody, at such times as are requested by the Tribal Council. He or she shall not pay out or otherwise disburse any funds in his

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## ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

**SECTION 1.** Regular meetings of the Tribal Council shall be held in October, January, April, and July on such date and at such place as may be designated by the Tribal Council, and at such other regular times as the Council may decide. Special meetings of the council may be called by the Chairman at any time.

**SECTION 2.** Five members of the Tribal Council shall constitute a quorum.

**SECTION 3.** The Tribal Council shall call a regular meeting of the tribe in January and June of every year at which meeting the Council shall report its activities in the preceding six months and take up matters of general tribal interest. Special meetings of the tribe in addition to those required under the Constitution may be called in the discretion of the Tribal Council.

**SECTION 4.** Twenty-five qualified voters of the tribe shall constitute a quorum at any tribal meeting.

## ARTICLE III-RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Constitution and By-laws, when adopted by a majority vote of the voters of the Kickapoo Tribe voting at a special election called by the Secretary of the Interior, in which at least 30 per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval, and shall be in force from the date of such approval.

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# VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

\_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ID# or Date of Birth

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE THIS ELECTION WILL BE BY ABSENTEE BALLOTS ONLY**  
**POLLING SITES WILL NOT BE UTILIZED**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am a member  
(PRINT NAME)  
of the Kickapoo of Kansas and that I am at least 18 years of age or will be at least 18 years of age on December 5, 2016, the election date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

Completing and returning this registration form is necessary if you desire to vote in the forthcoming Secretarial Election.

This form, upon completion and return to the Secretarial Election Board, will be the basis for determining whether your name will be placed upon the list of registered voters, and therefore may receive a ballot.

Completion and return of this form is voluntary, but failure to do so will prevent you from participating in the Secretarial Election.

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE KICKAPOO TRIBE OF INDIANS OF THE KICKAPOO RESERVATION IN KANSAS SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD AT P.O. BOX 1611, ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA 73005 BY NOVEMBER 7, 2016.**

Complete and mail this form to:  
**Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Secretarial Election Board**  
**P.O. Box 1611**  
**Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005**