CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025
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A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements

Tribal Council Resolution No: O81625 STC-002

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WHEREAS, The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution ("Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution") approved by the tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Article V, § 2. Powers (a), The Tribal Council shall have power the power to set policy for the Tribes and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by this Constitution.

WHEREAS, Article XIII, § l(a), of the Tribes' Constitution provides that the "Tribal Council may initiate the process to amend the Constitution by calling a Special Election ...The Election Commission shall call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of an official request from the Tribal Council[;]" and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council sees the residency requirements mandated by the constitution limits the pool of candidates who can file to run for Legislator and Governor/Lt Governor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council hereby calls a Special Election pursuant to Article VII, § 3. Qualifications and to Article VI, § 4. Qualifications, as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE BRANCH

This amendment shall apply to Article VII, as follows:

1. Removing Section 3. Qualifications. (c) At the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall physically reside in a voting District. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be residents of a voting District for the duration of their terms.

2. Replacing Section 3. Qualifications. (c) with the following:

Section 3. Qualifications. (c) At the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor can reside anywhere. If elected, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor must reside within a voting district in the Cheyenne and Arapaho territory for the duration of their term and be a resident of that district for the duration of the term. Physical residency within the Cheyenne and Arapaho territory as outlined in the constitution must be established by the time the candidate takes their oath of office.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

This amendment shall apply to Article VI, § 4. Qualifications, as follows:

1. Removing Section 4. Qualifications. (c) At the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for District Legislator shall physically reside in such District. Each District Legislator shall be a registered voter in the District from which they are elected.

2. Replacing Section 4. Qualifications. (c) with the following:

Section 4. Qualifications. (c) At the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for Legislator can physically reside anywhere and must be a registered voter in the district they are seeking candidacy. If elected, the Legislator must reside within their voting district for the duration of their term and be a resident of that district for the duration of their term. Physical residency in the candidates' district must be established by the time the oath of office is taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should this resolution pass by the Tribal Council this amendment to amend the Constitution will be included on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 General Election.

(signature)
Tribal Council Chairperson

I, _Jennifer Bailey_, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Tribal Council Resolution _081625 STC-002_, which was voted on by the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Special Tribal Council Meeting on August 16, 2025, by a vote of _23_ for, _02_ against, and _3_ abstaining.

(signature)
Tribal Council Secretary