



NCA 21-122

CLASSIFICATION: #19. ELECTIONS

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 21-116 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 19 § 1-102 ENTITLED "GENERAL ELECTIONS" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO EXPEDITE THE RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS)

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT. NCA 21-116 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION ONE. NEW LAW. The following new Law is hereby enacted:

Section 1-101. Findings. The National Council Finds that:

A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation 2021 Primary Election was September 18, 2021.

B. Elections are the most important function of a government and one of the most important rights as Muscogee (Creek) citizens is to vote in the Nation's elections.

C. Due to challenges to the 2021 Primary Election, the election results were just certified on October 21, 2021, upon the order of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court.

D. There is a need to extend the date of the 2021 General Election in order to ensure that there is adequate time for the Election Board to prepare for and to hold the 2021 General Election.

E. The Election Board is requesting \$215,000.00 is ~~for~~ the total cost to expedite the return of absentee ballots and other costs associated with election expenses.

SECTION TWO. AMENDMENT. This amendment shall be codified in Title 19, of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Attorney General is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and sub-chapters are

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designated consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws and (3) to note in said parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following amendment, without further National Council approval:

SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT. MCNCA Title 19, § 1-102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1-102. General elections

On the Saturday immediately following the first Friday of November, 2003, and every four years thereafter, a general election shall be held, at which time the Principal Chief and the Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be elected. On the Saturday immediately following the first Friday of November, 2001, and every two (2) years thereafter, the National Council Representatives shall be elected. The date for the 2021 General Election, subject to any court orders issued by the District Court or the Supreme Court, shall be Saturday, November 13, 2021. With early voting dates November 9 and 10, 2021

SECTION FOUR. APPROPRIATION. The sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$215,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account for the implementation of this Act. **All unexpended funds appropriated by implementation of this Act shall be returned to the Tribal Treasury and shall be available for future appropriation by the National Council.**

SECTION FOUR. AUTHORIZATION. The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$215,000.00) from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account ~~to pay for costs to expedite the return of absentee ballots~~ **in accordance with the attached budget.**

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall become effective immediately upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

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ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this **30TH** day of **October, 2021**.

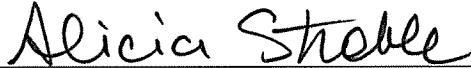
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



Randall Hicks, Speaker
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

CERTIFICATION

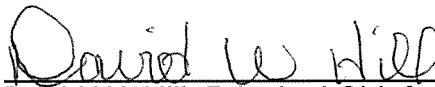
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with **Sixteen** members attending this meeting on the **30TH** day of **October, 2021** and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of **15** in favor, **0** against and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 1st day of November **2021** to the above Law, **NCA 21-22** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

