



## Proposed Constitutional Amendments FY25 Election Cycle

### Background

On January 15, 2025, Tribal Council passed the resolution to **add five constitutional amendments** to the FY25 Tribal Election ballot.

- These measures will appear on the sample ballot issued in June.
- Every tribal member registered to vote will be eligible to vote on the constitutional amendments this election season.
  - Tribal Members can register to vote up until the day of the election, but Mail-in Ballots must be received and processed by the U.S. Postal Service in Durant, OK by July 11, 2025.
- An FAQ for tribal members can be found at <https://www.choctawnation.com/about/government/voter-registration/elections/get-to-know-your-ballot/>

### Language for Announcements at Community Meetings:

"Don't forget to register to vote in this year's tribal election. Five constitutional amendments were approved for the ballot by the Choctaw Tribal Council. Every Choctaw member registered to vote will be able to make their voices heard. If you are registered to vote, you will receive a ballot this election season. Please visit the Voter Registration table today and register to vote."

### Proposed Constitutional Amendments

1. Amend the description of the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation Reservation in Article I, § 2 to replace the physical description, which was adopted from treaties with the federal government, with a broader and more general description.
2. Amend Article IV, § I and Article XVII to remove the reference to the State of Oklahoma and the federal government, as the Nation is a separate and distinct sovereign which has the right to make its own laws and be governed by them.
3. Removing the description of the 12 Districts of the Nation, as they are no longer accurate and have since been amended.
4. Correct the spelling of Tvshka Homma in Article VIII, § 5.
5. Remove the requirement for approval of constitutional amendments by the Secretary of Interior in Article XVIII, § 2, which is no longer required.

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### **Passing Vote Count**

According to the CNO Constitution Article XVIII, § 2:

“Adoption by not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the total number of qualified voters of the Nation voting in the last Chief’s election shall be required to amend this Constitution. Amendments shall be effective upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior.”

**11,122 votes in the affirmative are required to pass amendments to the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation.** The calculation is based off the number of qualified voters of the Nation voting in the last Chief’s election (2015) per Article XVIII, Section 2.

### **More Information**

Tribal members can find additional information at

**<https://www.choctawnation.com/about/government/voter-registration/elections/>.**

Internal questions can be directed to Voter Registration at [voterregistration@choctawnation.com](mailto:voterregistration@choctawnation.com) or 580-642-8600 or Brian McClain at [bmcclain@choctawnation.com](mailto:bmcclain@choctawnation.com) or 580-642-8097.