

I. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH VOTER REGISTRATION?

- a. All forms have been processed and the last batch of 5,000 voters should be receiving their certificates by the first full week in February.
 - i. We have 21,061 as of 2/28/17.
- b. We are reaching out to any tribal members with pending forms in order to help them complete the registration steps. (Missing signatures, missing or unclear physical locations).
 - i. We have 855 pending forms as of 2/28/17.
- c. Keep in mind that we process your Voter information as it appears on the Voter Registration Form.
- d. Once the Voter Registration Form is processed, Voters will receive a Certificate in the form of a letter outlining the information we have on file. We do not issue cards.

II. NEW ELECTION ORDINANCE (APPROVED BY COUNCIL BILL 60-17 ON 2/23/17; BIA APPROVED)

a. Changes to Voter Registration

- i. All eligible tribal members who would like to vote must complete a voter registration form.

b. Changes to Tribal Elections

- i. All registered Voters will receive a ballot in the mail so long as their address isn't marked as a "returned/undeliverable address". Voters may choose to mail in their ballot; or,
- ii. Go to any open voting location, regardless of district affiliation. *Example: Someone who is affiliated with District 9 could vote at the District 10 location so long as it is open.*
 1. Voters must present an ID issued by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (photo or non-photo) showing full name and date of birth or a photo ID issued by another government. Examples are as follows:
 - a. Tribal Membership Card
 - b. Tribal Photo ID
 - c. State Issued ID/Driver's License
 2. If you are not a registered Voter and are eligible to be, then you can register at any open voting location. However, we do encourage you to register prior to the Election.
- iii. The Election Board will be in office in April as the filing period will begin on the 12th Monday prior to any election.
 1. Election Day is the 2nd Saturday in July (7/8/17).
- iv. Early voting at designated voting locations will be held from 8am to 4:30pm on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before Election Day.
- v. As a reminder, the Election Board will give public notice of voting locations for each election and their hours of operation.

c. Where to find a copy of the Ordinance and Council Bill?

- i. CN Website, under Tribal Elections
- ii. www.choctawnation.com/vote, link to Tribal Elections at bottom of the page

III. REMINDERS, IF NEEDED

- a. Districts up for election this summer

2017 Speaking Points Regarding Voter Registration and Tribal Elections

- i. Districts 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12
- b. Technical Questions about Tribal Election - Contact the Election Board via email (elationboard@choctawnation.com).
- c. The Election Board and Voter Registration Department have moved. Our new address is 1205 W Main St Durant, OK 74701. The Election Board sign will be visible in our office window. It is located between the Post Office and Pizza Hut.