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TITLE 125. GOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CODIFICATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Section 1. Short Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Codification Authorization Act.”

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Act” means the Codification Authorization Act;
2. “Nation” means the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;
3. “Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance” means the office currently designated by the Chief or the successor office and includes employees of the office to whom a task under this Act is delegated; and
4. “Statute” is synonymous with “ordinance” and is a form of positive law enacted by the Tribal Council.

Section 3. Statutory Law.

The statutory law of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma consists of the original enactments adopted by the Tribal Council and approved by the Chief or approved by the Tribal Council over the veto of the Chief.

Section 4. Responsibility for Codification and Publication of Statutory Law.

The Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance shall be responsible for codifying and compiling the statutes of the Choctaw Nation. Any error in codification or publication shall not affect the validity or interpretation of the original enrolled Council Bill.

Section 5. Format of Statutory Compilations.

The compilation of the statutes of the Choctaw Nation shall be arranged in Titles and Sections in the discretion of the Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance who may add other organizational markers and utilize other means and methods in editing and compiling the statutes, but shall neither alter the original Council Bills nor change the meaning of the content in the process of compilation.

Section 6. Codification and Arrangement of Statutory Law.

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The statutory law of the Choctaw Nation shall be arranged in Titles as determined by the Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance as follows:

Title 5: Agriculture;

Title 10: Aircraft and Airports;

Title 15: Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances;

Title 20: Amusements and Sports;

Title 25: Animals;

Title 30: Attorneys and Bar Association;

Title 35: Business and Commercial Entities;

Title 40: Cemeteries, Burials and Burial Sites, and Repatriation of Remains of the Dead;

Title 45: Children and Juveniles;

Title 50: Civil Procedure;

Title 55: Civil Remedies;

Title 60: Commercial Law, Contracts, and Consumer Law;

Title 65: Courts, Dispute Resolution, Evidence, Judiciary, Jurors, and Peacemaking;

Title 70: Crimes and Punishments;

Title 75: Criminal Procedure;

Title 80: Damages;

Title 85: Definitions and General Provisions;

Title 90: Education;

Title 95: Elections;

Title 100: Eminent Domain;

Title 105: Environmental Law;

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- Title 110: Game and Fish;
- Title 115: Gaming;
- Title 120: General Welfare;
- Title 125: Government and Public Administration;
- Title 130: Guardianship;
- Title 135: History and Culture;
- Title 140: Housing;
- Title 145: Initiative and Referendum;
- Title 150: Insurance;
- Title 155: Intergovernmental Relations;
- Title 160: Labor and Employment;
- Title 165: Law Enforcement;
- Title 170: Marriage and Divorce;
- Title 175: Membership;
- Title 180: Mental Health;
- Title 185: Military;
- Title 190: Natural Resources;
- Title 195: Notaries Public;
- Title 200: Probate, Trusts, and Estates;
- Title 205: Professions and Occupations;
- Title 210: Property Rights;
- Title 215: Public Finance and Taxation;
- Title 220: Public Health and Safety;

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Title 225: Traffic; and

Title 230: Workers' Injury.

Section 7. Enactments not Codified or Compiled.

A. Enactments of the Tribal Council may be withheld from codification or compilation by a provision in the enactment to the effect that all or some part of the enactment shall not be codified or compiled.

B. Council Bills shall not be codified which apply only to persons specified therein for certain purposes which are not of general application to the public including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Granting, renewing, or modifying leases or licenses for use of property of the Nation including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Mineral leases, regardless of the type or nature of minerals including, but not limited to, leases for production of oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, coal, ore of any kind, gravel, or rock,

b. Grazing leases,

c. Timber leases, or

d. Leases for harvesting hay;

2. Approving, disapproving, or modifying contracts which require approval of the Tribal Council;

3. Approving or applying for grants; and

4. Approving or making appointments.

C. Unless approved by the Chief or approved by the Tribal Council over the veto of the Chief, Tribal Council Resolutions shall not be codified or compiled.

Section 8. Presumptions Concerning Certified Compilation of Statutes; Publication.

A. The certified compilation shall be presumed to be the law of the Choctaw Nation, subject only to resolution of any conflict with an original enactment.

B. Courts of the Nation may take judicial notice of the contents of such compilation.

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C. Following certification of the compilation, the Senior Executive Officer for Legal and Compliance may publish the compilation on one or more internet websites under such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate. Electronically published enactments under this Section are presumptively valid. In the event of any variation from the text of the official version, the official version shall control subject to any variation from the text of the enrolled enactment which, in all cases, shall control.

D. Failure to publish any compilation of a statute pursuant to this Section shall not affect the validity of said statute.