

**A COUNCIL BILL AMENDING THE CHOCTAW NATION JUROR CODE RELATING TO
SUMMONING JURORS**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO AMEND the Choctaw Nation Juror Code by amending Section 4, which relates to summoning persons for jury service.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") provides that the Tribal Council (the "Council") shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Nation provides that the Council shall prescribe rules of procedure for the Tribal Court and shall ensure the members due process of law;

WHEREAS, this bill amends Section 4 of the Choctaw Nation Juror Code to eliminate the requirement that summons for jury service be issued by certified mail, return receipt requested;

WHEREAS, serving the jury summons by certified mail is not cost-effective, and the amendment to the Choctaw Nation Juror Code contained in this bill is for the purpose of minimizing unnecessary costs to the Nation and increasing judicial efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to increase judicial efficiency and reduce unnecessary costs to the Nation by amending the Choctaw Nation Juror Code as follows.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for the Choctaw Nation Juror Code, Section 4 to be amended by striking the following language:

Section 4. Summoning Jurors

The Choctaw Nation District Court Clerk shall summon all persons for jury service by mailing a copy of such summons containing the time, place, and the name of the court upon which said persons are required to attend, ~~by certified mail, return receipt requested,~~ or as directed by the court, not less than ten (10) days before the day said person is to appear in the court. The District Court Clerk shall make a return of such service by filing an affidavit stating the date of mailing and type of mail used in sending the summons.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval that this amendment to the Choctaw Nation Juror Code, as adopted in CB-07-21, become effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on January 14, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 46

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-23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0)
negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Battos, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 1-17-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill amends the Choctaw Nation Juror Code by amending Section 4, which relates to summoning persons for jury service. The amendment contained in this bill is for the purpose of reducing the unnecessary costs associated with issuing jury summons by certified mail and increasing judicial efficiency.

Title of Council Bill: A COUNCIL BILL AMENDING THE CHOCTAW NATION JUROR CODE
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Agency: Legal & Compliance

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by Project Director: Brian Danker, Senior Executive Officer