

**TO REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION BOARD ESTABLISH
ADDITIONAL VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE 2023 TRIBAL ELECTION**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO REQUEST that the Secretary of the Election Board establish additional Voting Locations for the 2023 Tribal Election.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, “The Tribal Council shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation”;

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 2 of the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance (the "Election Ordinance") states, “Additional voting locations may be designated by the Secretary if requested by a vote of the Tribal Council, subject to the requirement that all locations shall be equipped with adequate internet access, video monitoring, and the same or better security as the designated Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Community Center in that district.”;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council (the “Council”) recognizes the necessity to accommodate greater access to polling locations in three (3) remote areas within the reservation for the upcoming 2023 tribal election cycle: (1) Battiest, (2) Smithville, and (3) Heavener;

WHEREAS, the Council is also requesting that Early Voting be accommodated at these locations as when possible in addition to Election Day;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve a request that the Secretary of the Election Board establish three (3) additional Voting Locations for the 2023 Tribal Election in order to increase access to polling locations in remote areas of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, this Council Bill will meet the Nation’s Strategic Goal to support service delivery and improve quality of life for the Nation’s Tribal Members by increasing polling access to ensure it is easier for Tribal Members living in remote areas of the reservation to vote.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to request that the Secretary of the Election Board establish three (3) additional voting locations for Early Voting and Election Day for the 2023 tribal election cycle as follows: (1) the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Community Center in Battiest, Oklahoma; (2) the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Community Center in Smithville, Oklahoma; and (3) the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma WIC Building located at 501 West 1st Street, Heavener, Oklahoma 74937 with an alternative location being the Heavener Elementary School building located at 405 East Avenue G, Heavener, Oklahoma 74937.

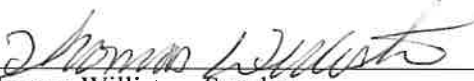
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CERTIFICATION

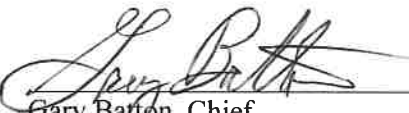
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on June 10, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 83 -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 Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date _____

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: This Council Bill ensures access to polling locations is easier for tribal members who live in remote locations or communities further away from the previously designated polling locations. This Bill is a request which will allow the Election Board to take the measures necessary to establish these three additional locations. This Bill does not change those polling locations previously established but only adds three new locations for the upcoming election cycle. Access to the ballot is one of the utmost priorities of the Nation and this Bill seeks to accommodate that priority.

**Title of Council Resolution: TO REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION
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Agency: Legislative Branch

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Tribal Council