

**A COUNCIL BILL AMENDING THE CHOCTAW NATION MEMBERSHIP ACT AND
TO ESTABLISH AND FORMALLY DESIGNATE THE CHOCTAW NATION OF
OKLAHOMA ENROLLMENT REGISTRY AS THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL
RECORD OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO ESTABLISH AND FORMALLY DESIGNATE the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Enrollment Registry (“Enrollment Registry”) as the official governmental record of tribal membership.

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 the Constitution for the general good of the Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Nation;

WHEREAS, the Nation, by and through its Membership Department, maintains records relating to tribal membership, enrollment status, and eligibility for membership pursuant to tribal law;

WHEREAS, such enrollment records reflect official determinations of the Nation and are maintained as part of the Nation’s sovereign administrative functions;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is necessary to ensure consistency, reliability, and integrity in the creation, maintenance, and certification of enrollment records;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that formal designation of the Enrollment Registry as the official governmental record of tribal membership will promote uniformity and clarity in the administration and use of such records;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Enrollment Registry is maintained, and shall continue to be maintained, as part of the Nation’s regularly conducted governmental activities and not for the purpose of any specific litigation, investigation, or external proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Nation to amend Title 175 of the Nation’s laws by adding Section 503, as part of the “Enrollment Registry Act”, to authorize the issuance of certified extracts of Enrollment Registry records under seal that reflect existing enrollment determinations of the Nation.

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THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that the Choctaw Nation Membership Act is amended as set forth below and that the following provisions shall be known and may be cited as the “**Enrollment Registry Act**”, and are hereby adopted and codified as amendments to Title 175 to establish and govern the Enrollment Registry:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY. Section 103 of the Choctaw Nation Membership Act is amended to read as follows:

Section 103. Membership; Membership Department

A. The Membership Department shall receive and process Membership Applications and amendments pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable tribal laws of the Choctaw Nation.

B. The Membership Application form shall be created and developed by the Membership Department in accordance with applicable policies and procedures and must comply with the requirements of this Act.

C. Membership in the Choctaw Nation is composed of Original Enrollees listed on the Final Rolls, Lineal Descendants of Original Enrollees for which Necessary Evidence of Choctaw blood has been provided to and approved by the Membership Department, and any Choctaw who has been accepted by blood as a member of the Choctaw Nation by the Tribal Council; however, any person who has relinquished membership shall not be a Member.

D. ~~Blood quantum calculations shall begin from the oldest known Original Enrollee on the Final Rolls. The Membership Department shall determine the blood quantum of each approved Member by calculating from the Member’s Biological Parents through whom Enrollment is established.~~

E. The Membership Department is authorized to create policies and procedures to carry out these responsibilities. The Membership Department is authorized to establish any policies and procedures, or their subsequent amendments and must be submitted to the legislative committee on membership affairs thirty (30) days prior to their effective date.

SECTION 2 ENACTMENT. Section 503 of the Choctaw Nation Membership Act is enacted to read as follows:

Section 503. Enrollment Registry; Official Governmental Record.

A. Designation of Enrollment Registry. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma hereby designates its Enrollment Registry as the official governmental record of tribal membership. The Enrollment Registry is maintained in the regular course of the Choctaw Nation’s sovereign administrative functions and reflects enrollment determinations made pursuant to tribal law. For purposes of this Section, the “Enrollment Registry” means the official system of records maintained by the Choctaw Nation reflecting tribal membership and enrollment status, history and determinations pursuant to tribal law.

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B. Nature and Purpose of Registry. The Enrollment Registry is created, maintained, and preserved as part of the Choctaw Nation's ongoing governmental operations as a standardized system applicable to all Members and independent of any specific litigation, investigation, or external request. The records contained within the Enrollment Registry constitute official records of the Choctaw Nation documenting acts, events, conditions, and determinations relating to tribal membership. All future membership and enrollment records shall be created and maintained at or near the time of the enrollment determination in accordance with the Choctaw Nation's regular recordkeeping practices and shall be continuously maintained and updated as part of the Choctaw Nation's regular governmental operations.

C. Certified Extracts; Authority. The Director of Enrollment, or such other official authorized in writing by the Choctaw Nation, may issue certified extracts of Enrollment Registry records under the seal of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Such certified extracts shall constitute official statements of the Choctaw Nation's records as reflected in the Enrollment Registry.

D. Effect of Certified Extracts. Certified extracts issued pursuant to this Section reflect existing enrollment determinations maintained in the Enrollment Registry and do not constitute new, independent, or adjudicative determinations of tribal membership.


E. Construction. This Section shall be construed to formalize and clarify the status of the Enrollment Registry as a governmental record system maintained in the regular course of the Choctaw Nation's administrative functions and to ensure consistency, reliability, and integrity in the maintenance and certification of tribal membership records.

F. Effective Date and Implementation. This Act shall become effective upon passage.

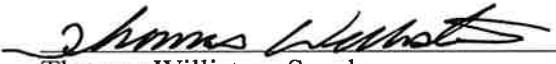
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CERTIFICATION


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 Tyshka Homma, Oklahoma on June 13, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 57 - 26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.



James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Baton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 6-16-26