

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 51: Officers and Employees

Chapter 3: Office of the Deputy Principal Chief

§ 84. Filling of vacancies by vote of Tribal Council—Generally

Cite as: 51 CNCA § 84

A. Vacancies in the office of Deputy Principal Chief shall be filled by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall elect a Member of the Tribal Council as successor to serve the remainder of the term.

B. Upon receipt of the vacancy notice from the Principal Chief, the Tribal Council shall, at the next regularly scheduled Council session, produce a slate of nominees for the office of Deputy Principal Chief. The slate of nominees shall consist of all current elected Council Members; provided that any Council Member may request that his name not appear on the slate of nominees; and provided, further, that each nominee shall qualify for the office of Deputy Principal Chief as provided for in 26 CNCA § 33.

C. Upon completion of the slate of nominees, the Tribal Council shall proceed to vote for said nominees. Each council Member shall cast one (1) vote for one (1) nominee by secret ballot.

D. The nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the slate until one (1) nominee receives a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. In the event that more than one nominee receives the lowest number of votes, those having the same number of low votes shall be removed from the slate or until two (2) nominees remain, voting will then continue until one (1) nominee receives a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present.

E. No motion for adjournment shall be made or received until such time as the voting has been completed with one (1) nominee receiving a two-thirds (2/3) majority and the results of the voting announced and recorded.

Historical Data

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