

# Constitutional Amendments

The following constitutional amendments were approved by the membership of the Caddo Nation during the 29 June 2002 Secretarial Election.

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## **Amendment A**

The current Article I - Definition of Terms shall be amended to read:

### ARTICLE I - DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma shall be the name of this organization. The word "Nation" as used in this document shall have the same meaning as "the Caddo Nation."

If approved all references to the name of the tribe in the constitution would also be changed.

Election results: 133 votes for, 34 votes against, and 9 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as Amendment No. II to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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## **Amendment B**

The current Article III - Tribal Membership shall be amended to read:

### ARTICLE III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. (a) All persons of at least one-sixteenth (1/16) degree Caddo Indian Blood who are descended of enrolled ancestors, as defined and derived from Section 1, born after the

date of the adoption of this constitution (June 26, 1976), except those persons otherwise entitled to enrollment with the Tribe who elect to be enrolled in another tribe.

Election results: 180 votes for, 37 votes against, and 8 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment B is hereby designated as Amendment No. III to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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## **Amendment C**

The current Article III - Tribal Membership shall be amended to read:

### ARTICLE III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. (b) Only for the purposes of enrollment under this section, all persons of at least one-sixteenth (1/16) Caddo Indian blood, who elect to be enrolled as a Caddo tribal member, shall be allowed to count all quanta of American Indian blood as Caddo Indian blood. Caddo tribal enrollment procedures, after the passage of the amendment, shall recognize and count all amounts of American Indian blood as pertinent to prospective tribal enrollees and to their descendents, except those persons otherwise entitled to enrollment under this constitutional amendment who elect to be enrolled in another tribe.

Election results: 173 votes for, 45 votes against, and 8 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment C is hereby designated as Amendment No. IV to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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## **Amendment D**

The current Article IV - Governing Body shall be amended to read:

### ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

Section 3. Terms of Office. The term of office of a member of the Tribal Council shall be for a period of four (4) years or until a successor is duly elected and installed in office. The four (4) year terms of office will become effective at the July 2002 Caddo Election. Thereafter, all terms will be four (4) years. The Tribal Chairman shall be eligible to be elected to serve three (3) consecutive terms. At the completion of his/her third consecutive term, he/she shall not be eligible for reelection or appointment to fill a vacancy on the council until a period of two (2) years has elapsed. In each of the above instances, the term of office shall be for the specified time, unless the incumbent is earlier removed or recalled, dies or resigns.

Election results: 131 votes for, 87 votes against, and 9 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment D is hereby designated as Amendment No. V to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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## **Amendment E**

The current Article VIII - Filling of Vacancies shall be amended to read:

### ARTICLE VII - FILLING OF VACANCIES

Section 2. Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or District Council Representatives. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or District Council Representative, the vacancy will be filled by the tribal council within sixty (60) days. The Appointee will serve until the next regular annual election of the tribe. Appointees must meet the same qualifications for office as candidates in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.

Election results: 180 votes for, 37 votes against, and 9 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment E is hereby designated as Amendment No. VI to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

## **Amendment F**

The current Article VIII - Filling of Vacancies shall be amended to add a new Section 3:

### ARTICLE VII - FILLING OF VACANCIES

Section 3. Filling of Vacancies in Emergency Situation(s). If unanticipated vacancies occur, wherein, the membership of the Tribal Council falls below a quorum, the remaining members of the Tribal Council shall immediately conduct a special meeting to fill the number of vacancies required to reestablish a quorum. Appointee(s) will serve until the next regular annual election of the tribe and must meet the same qualifications for office as candidates in accordance with Article IV, Section 4. After a quorum has been reestablished, if there are other vacancies, those positions shall be filled in accordance with Section 3 of this article.

Election results: 177 votes for, 38 votes against, and 10 spoiled ballots.

Numerical designation: Having been duly approved and ratified, Proposed Amendment F is hereby designated as Amendment No. VII to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

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