

ARTICLE XI. ELECTION BOARD

A. Election Board

The Election Board is hereby created by this Constitution as an independent entity. The Election Board shall conduct all general and special elections. The Election Board shall adopt rules and regulations governing elections, including the number of signatures required for candidacy petitions. These rules may be amended as needed. The Election Board shall have the authority to employ their own staff to fulfill their duties under this Constitution.

B. Appointments and Term

Five (5) people will be appointed to the Election Board by the Tribal Council. To be eligible for appointment a person must be a Tribal member who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. After the first Election, all Election Board members must be registered voters. Election Board members shall serve for four (4) year terms. The first appointments under this Constitution shall be two members for two (2) years and three (3) members for four (4) years to provide for staggered terms. The first Election Board shall be appointed by the Tribal Council serving under the interim Constitution.

C. Compensation

The Tribal Council shall have the power to establish the compensation for the Election Board. No increase or decrease in compensation shall take effect until after the next general election.

D. Funding Mandate

The Election Board shall prepare and present an annual budget directly to the Tribal Council for funding. Funding for the Election Board shall be based on the need to fulfill its duties.