

CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
SHAWNEE AREA FIELD OFFICE
SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 16, 1961

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA ARTICLE II TO SPECIFY A DEGREE OF BLOOD

WHEREAS: Many complaints have been received from various Tribal members about the number of individuals who are being placed on the Roll of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians, and

WHEREAS: Many complaints have been received because of the number of persons who are being placed on the Tribal Roll who are of practically no Potawatomi Indian blood, and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the Tribe to place a limitation as to the degree of blood to be eligible for enrollment of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma Tribe, and

WHEREAS: It has been determined by the Business Committee that 1/8 th degree Potawatomi Indian blood should be established as being required for eligibility for enrollment in the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article II of the tribal constitution of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. The membership of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma shall consist of the following persons:

(a) All persons of Indian blood who were bona fide members of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma and who were enrolled or were entitled to be enrolled on the official census roll of the Band as of January 1, 1937.

(b) Each child born since the date of said roll and prior to the effective date of Amendment IV, each of whose parents was a member of the Tribe.

(c) Each child of Citizen Band of Potawatomi blood born prior to the effective date of Amendment IV of a marriage between a member of the Tribe and any other person.

(d) Each child who is of one-eighth or more Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indian blood born on or after the effective date of Amendment IV, each of whose parents is a member of the Tribe.

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(e) Each child of one-eighth or more Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indian blood who on or after the effective date of Amendment IV is born of a marriage between a member of the Tribe and any other person.

Section 2. As used in Section 1, the term "a member of the Tribe" means a member of the Tribe at the time of the child's birth, or, in the case of a posthumous child of a deceased parent, a member of the Tribe at the time of such parent's death.

Section 3. The burden of proof as to quantum of Citizen Band of Potawatomi blood will be on the claimant for enrollment in each case.

Section 4. The Council shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, covering future membership including adoptions and the loss of membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment be presented to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi eligible voters in a referendum vote authorized by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the authority contained in Article XI of the Constitution of the Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 4 in favor and None voting against, there being a quorum of the Business Committee present at a Special Business Committee Meeting held February 16, 1961.

Dan Dadeau
Chairman

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Secretary

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