

**Cherokee Nation Code Annotated**

**Title 26: Elections**

**Chapter 4: Qualifications of and Filing by Candidates**

**§ 32. Special Qualifications for Principal Chief and Deputy Principal Chief**

Cite as: 26 CNCA § 32

In addition to the general qualifications set forth in § 31 of this Title, the qualifications for Principal Chief and Deputy Principal Chief as set forth in Article VII of the Constitution shall be as follows:

A. Age. The Candidate shall have obtained the age of thirty (30) years at the time of the General or Special Election.

B. Residence. The Candidate shall have established a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cherokee Nation for no less than two hundred seventy (270) days immediately preceding the day of the General Election in which he or she is seeking election. Proof of a bona fide permanent residence shall be determined by the Election Commission. If elected to office, the Candidate shall continuously maintain a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdictional boundaries. Failure to meet this requirement shall subject the person to disqualification and removal from office.

**Historical Data**

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