

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 26: Elections

Chapter 4: Qualifications of and Filing by Candidates

§ 34. Establishment of Residency

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Proof of a bona fide permanent residence, necessary to qualify as a Candidate for Council, Principal Chief and Deputy Principal Chief shall be determined by the Election Commission, subject to the following definitions and requirements:

1. Definition. Residence is synonymous with the term domicile or abode and means a place where the Candidate has a true, fixed and permanent home, and to which, whenever absent, the Candidate has the intention to return.
2. Verification. Verification of residence may be shown by at least three (3) of the following documents, provided always that such documents show one or more addresses within the required geographic area for a continuous period of 270 days for the time-period outlined in the requirements for each elective office.
 - a. Valid government issued photo identification that matches name on Cherokee Nation Registration identification
 - b. Utility bill or bills in the Candidate's name.
 - c. Income tax return from the preceding year.
 - d. State or County Voter's Registration.
 - e. Homestead Exemption.
 - f. A bona fide document evidencing such verification.

Historical Data

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