

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 26: Elections
Chapter 6: Conduct of Elections
Article I. General Provisions
§ 51. Official Election Dates; Notice
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A. General Election. The General Primary Election for elective offices shall be the first Saturday in June of the election year.

B. Runoff Election. The Run-Off Election for a General Election shall be the fourth Saturday in July of the election year.

C. Special Election; Special Dates and Procedures. A Special Election shall be called in accordance with the Constitution for a specifically stated purpose or purposes. The Council shall determine the date for the Special Primary Election, and if necessary the date for a Special Run-Off election. Special Elections shall be conducted in compliance with this Title, provided that the deadlines established in this Title for the following purposes may be changed and specially set by the Election Commission and confirmed by the Council to meet the particular needs related to a Special Election: (i) the cut-off date for eligibility to vote in an election established in § 21(A)(2) of this Title; (ii) the deadline for providing voter lists to Candidates established in § 25 of this Title; (iii) the candidacy filing date established in § 36 of this Title; (iv) the swearing-in date established in § 51 of this Title; (v) the Absentee Ballot Request deadline and Absentee Ballot issuance dates established in § 73 of this Title; and (vi) any other date which requires special setting. Special Elections for Constitutional provisions may be conducted, if authorized by the Council, by mail-in vote.

D. Notice. Notice of each election date shall be given by the Election Commission.

E. Swearing in of Elected Officials. The swearing in of the successful Candidates for elective office shall be August 14 of the election year.

Historical Data

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