

ARTICLE XI – REFERENDUM

Section 1. Referendum. Members of the Tribes retain the right to require a Tribal Council vote or popular vote on any law by binding Referendum. Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least two-hundred fifty eligible voters, any enacted law shall be submitted to the voters in a Special Election.

Section 2. Procedures.

(a). All petitions seeking a Referendum vote on a law shall be submitted to the Election Commission. Upon request, the Election Commission shall prepare and issue a petition form to a Petitioner along with the names and addresses of the eligible voters of the Tribes listed by District including the minimum number of signatures required for a valid Referendum petition. Members of the Tribes shall have one-hundred twenty days to collect the requisite number of signatures on the Referendum petition.

(b). Any Member of the Tribes may submit a Referendum petition to the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall have thirty calendar days to rule on the validity of the signatures on the petition, and if valid, the Election Commission shall submit the law to a popular vote in a Special Election which shall be held within forty-five days.

(c). The majority of votes cast by the voters in the Special Election shall determine the success or failure of the Referendum, and if successful, the decision shall be binding upon the Tribes.

Section 3. Referendum by the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the power to call a Referendum under this Article by a two-thirds majority vote.