

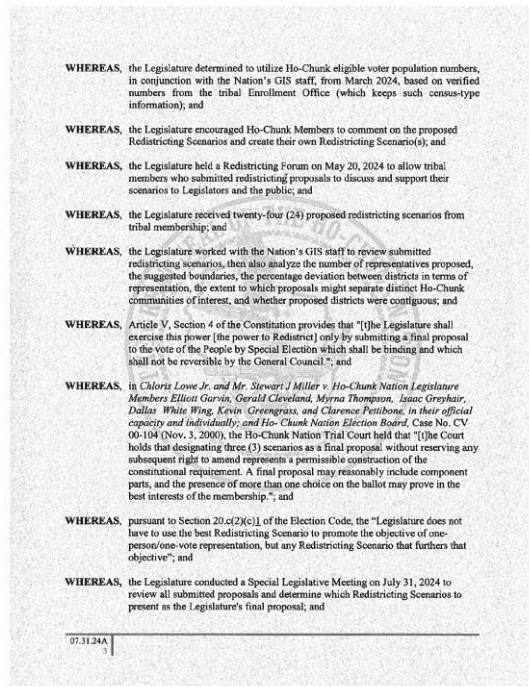
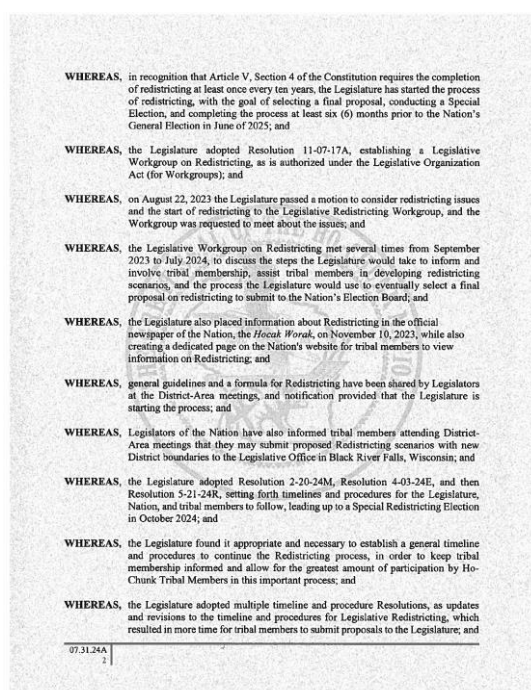
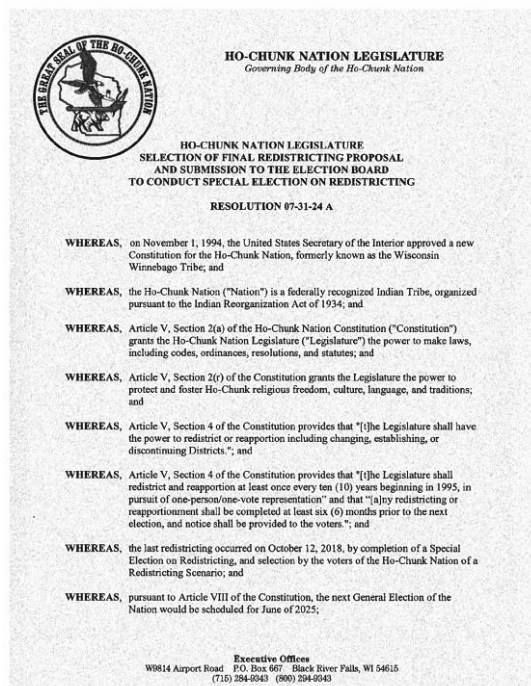


# NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation  
ARTICLE V – Section 4. Redistricting or Reapportionment.

The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters. [Amendment IV adopted on May 6, 2009 which became effective June 20, 2009 by operation of law. This section was changed to require redistricting and reapportionment once every ten (10) years.] The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code 2HCC§ 6



## 20. Special Election for Redistricting/Reapportionment.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this Section only the following terms shall have the following meaning:

- (1) "District Plan" means the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes in a Redistricting Special Election, but only after all legal challenges have been exhausted.
- (2) "Holdover Legislator" means a Legislator who is not facing re-election in the upcoming or next General Election after the Election Board certifies the results of a Special Election for Redistricting. The Constitution mandates that any Redistricting or reapportionment will be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election. A holdover Legislator is a Legislator whose term will not expire prior to the next General Election and will not be required in the next General Election to run for re-election if he or she will remain on the Legislature.
- (3) "Redistricting" means the process of bringing about a realignment or change in legislative Districts brought about by changes in population and mandated by the constitutional requirement of equality of representation.
- (4) "Redistricting Scenario" means a proposal or plan that outlines proposed legislative Districts for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Legislature may submit multiple Redistricting Scenarios as part of its final proposal and the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes, after all legal challenges have been exhausted, will become the District Plan of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

b. Constitutional Requirements. Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides:

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c. Redistricting procedures.

(1) Census requirements:

- (a) The Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment will keep an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote. If the Legislature determines to have the Election Board conduct a Special Election for redistricting, the Legislature or its designee will obtain from the Office of Tribal Enrollment an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote.
- (b) For purposes of determining the numbers for redistricting, the census shall only include Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote.
- (c) The Legislature shall pass a Resolution determining the date that the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment shall use for determining the census for purposes of the Special Election for Redistricting.

(2) Final Proposal:

- (a) The Legislature shall submit a final proposal to the Election Board who will conduct the Special Election for Redistricting.
- (b) The final proposal submitted by the Legislature may include multiple Redistricting Scenarios.
- (c) Requirements for the Redistricting Scenario(s):

- 1 The Legislature does not have to use the best Redistricting Scenario to promote the objective of one-person/one-vote representation, but any Redistricting Scenario that furthers that objective.
- 2 The Legislature cannot submit a Redistricting Scenario that calls for no action or no change in the geographic regions covered by the Legislative Districts.
- 3 A Redistricting Scenario may change, establish, or discontinue electoral Districts.
- 4 A Redistricting Scenario must propose at least two (2) electoral Districts.
- (d) Each Redistricting Scenario submitted will include at a minimum and will be available at the Polling Place:
  - 1 A map of the Redistricting Scenario;
  - 2 How many Legislator(s) would be in each proposed District;
  - 3 How many Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote there would be for each proposed District;
  - 4 How many Tribal Members eligible to vote there would be per Legislator for each proposed District;
  - 5 The percentage deviation either positive or negative each proposed District has from the ideal with respect to the Constitutional goal of the one-person/one-vote representation; and
  - 6 An implementation plan. The implementation plan will include at a minimum:
    - a The District each holdover Legislator will serve for the remainder of his or her respective term.
    - b In the next General Election what District(s) will have an election(s) and if a District has an

Election what seat(s) within that District would be up for election.

c If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will decrease, whether or not there will be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which Legislators would be subject to the Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators decreasing on the Legislature will be controlled by *Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (c)*.

d If as a result of the Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will increase, whether or not there will be a Special Election to increase the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which District(s) would have a Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators increasing on the Legislature will be controlled by *Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (d)*.

(3) Notice Requirements. Notice of the Special Election for Redistricting will be accomplished in the following manner:

(a) All normal procedures used by the Election Board to provide notice of any Special Election;  
(b) Production and distribution of a Special Edition of the Nation's newsletter (currently the *Hocak Worak*) providing at a minimum a map of the Redistricting Scenario(s) and the implementation plan for each of the Redistricting Scenario(s). The distribution of a Special Edition may be waived by the Legislature, but only if it passes a Resolution to waive production and distribution of the Special Edition; and  
(c) Any other method determined appropriate by the Legislature.

(4) Special Election Requirements:

(a) The Election Board must hold the Redistricting Special Election prior to the General Election in order that it may certify the results at least six (6) months before the next General Election.

(b) All other Special Election Requirements shall be followed to conduct the Special Election on Redistricting.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RETURNED BY OVERNIGHT MAIL**, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAY.**

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

**CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:**

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**

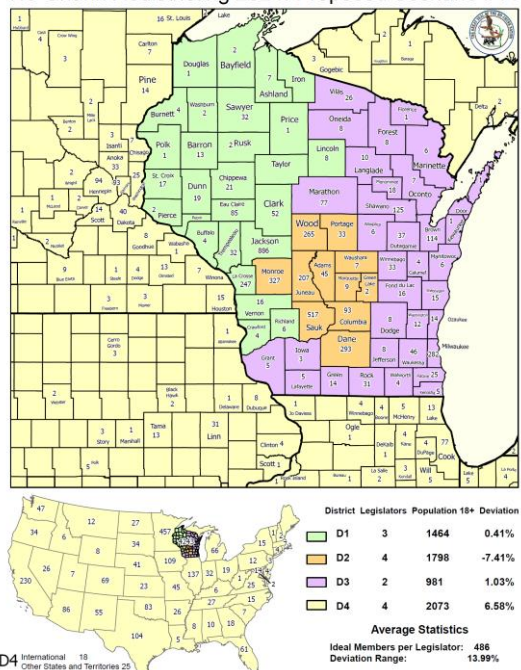
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who meets all of the requirements established by the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be eligible to vote. *See Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 5.*

**ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**

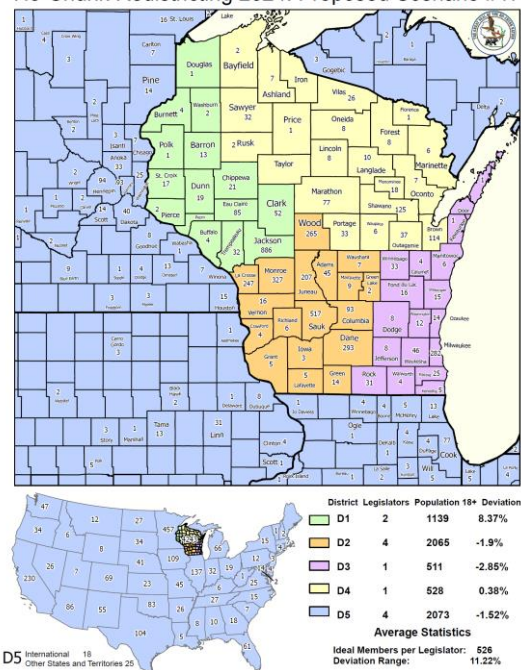
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

**The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11. c. ii.**

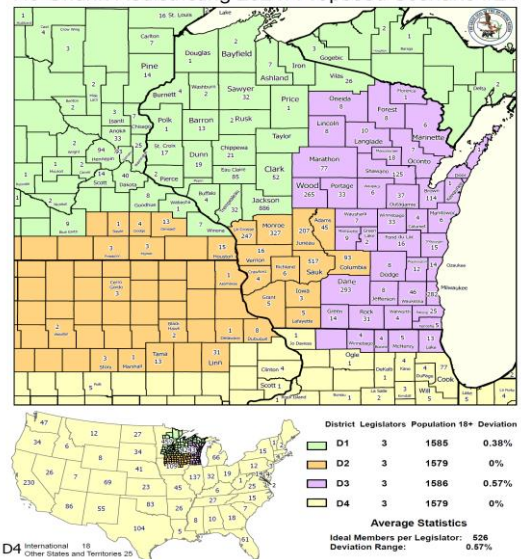
Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #14



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #17



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #24



Posted 9/23/24

**POLLING PLACES:  
OPEN AT 8:00 AM CLOSE AT 7:00 PM**

**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
INDIAN MISSION  
COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W8813 Mission Road  
(715)299-6104

**TOMAH, WI**  
BLUEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING  
320 Epinal Avenue  
(608)377-3787

**LA CROSSE, WI**  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 Main Street  
(608) 783-6025

**BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 Whiteeagle Road  
(608)355-5155

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY  
BUILDING  
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane  
(715)886-8411

**WITTENBERG, WI**  
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER  
W17634 Radke Road  
(715)253-4407

**MADISON, WI**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
4724 Tradewinds Parkway  
(608)277-9964

**MILWAUKEE, WI**  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE  
3501 S. Howell Avenue  
(414)747-8680

**MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN**  
MPLS./ST. PAUL BRANCH OFFICE  
1724 Selby Avenue  
(651)641-1801

**CHICAGO, IL**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue  
(715)284-7894

**GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
2413 Hazelwood Ln  
(920) 490-2774

**SPECIAL ELECTION  
REDISTRICTING &  
REAPPORTIONMENT  
Friday, October 18, 2024**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION  
Monday, September 23, 2024**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST  
Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE  
VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED  
PRIOR TO 4:30 P.M.  
Monday, September 30, 2024**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENT  
BALLOT BY 4:30 PM  
Sunday, October 13, 2024**