

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 4. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the Residency requirement, Sec. 8, iii, Residency Requirements for Legislative Candidates. A candidate for Legislature shall be eligible to run for office in the District in which the candidate has resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring his or her candidacy. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

LEGISLATURE:
District 4, Seat 3
July 2025 – June 2029
Sandra Whitewing

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Board Code Sec.11 (c)*.

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

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 will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline Sunday, February 9, 2025).**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
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Black River Falls, WI. 54615
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FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

After 4:30 pm and the weekend
please call (715)299-6104

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 4:30 pm.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Thursday, February 13, 2025 by 4:00 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 13(a)*, i Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Absentee ballots 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 SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election 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.

ELECTIONEERING:

There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, January 24, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Sunday, February 9, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Thursday, February 13, 2025
4:00 pm.

POLLING PLACE:
OPEN AT 8:00 AM CLOSE AT 7:00 PM

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

Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.

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