



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 15-17, 2015
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-26

Title: Amendments to the Rules of Election

By: Executive Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, federal Indian program reductions by effect of the sequester and rescission decreased baseline program funding levels indirect funding; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress' enactment of the Budget Control Act and Bi-Partisan Budget Act imposed spending limits on domestic discretionary budgets that will for many years prevent the restoration of funds decreased by sequester and rescission and prevent spending increases in federal programs that are the source of federal Indian program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) adoption in December 2014 of Super Circular guidelines for allowable and unallowable expenses allow only 50% of Tribal Assembly expenses to base funding, and caused the transfer of the remaining 50% of Tribal Assembly expenses to Compact funds; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of 50% of Tribal Assembly expenses to Compact funds spends funds for Tribal Assembly that would otherwise fund Central Council programs and services, and required the reduction of funding to the President's Office budget by 19% and the Executive Council budget by 50%; and

WHEREAS, the OMB and Interior Budget Council (IBC) have the authority to review the allocation of 50% of Tribal Assembly expenses to Central Council Compact funds, and may, under an available interpretation of the Super Circular guidelines, disallow a greater portion of Tribal Assembly expenses from the Compact Funds and require such disallowed expenses to be paid from Tribal Direct (the earnings of the Central Council Trust Fund); and

WHEREAS, elections of Delegates are unallowable expenses that are funded by earnings from the Tribal Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council recommends the Tribal Assembly take necessary action to amend the Constitution and Rules of Election, as appropriate, to reduce Tribal Assembly expenses in the Compact Funds to free those funds for use by programs and services, and to reduce the risk that an unfavorable determine by federal regulators may cause a larger amount of Tribal Assembly expenses would be shifted to the Tribal Trust Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, hereby amends the Rules of Election, effective with the 2016 election of Delegates and Officers, to revise the allocation ratio of one Delegate for a number certain of Central Council tribal citizens age 18 or over to (1) one Delegate for each (200) two hundred or fraction thereof Central Council tribal citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rules of Election are hereby amended to require Central Council to conduct Delegate elections by absentee or electronic ballot, to require mail out of Delegate voting ballots only to known "valid addresses", and including technical but non-substantive corrections to the Rules of Election that reduce unallowable expenses incurred as Tribal Direct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Central Council hereby adopts the following process of determining valid addresses: items that have been returned as non-deliverable two (2) times without an address change shall be determined "non-valid" and no future mailings will be made by Central Council until the address has been updated; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the delegates direct the President and Executive Council in consultation with community councils to recommend future measures to affect savings and increased efficiencies of Tribal Assembly.

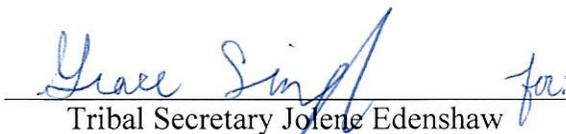
ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw