



**Sac and Fox Nation  
2023 Election Dates to Remember  
Primary Run-Off Election  
(Approved: June 4, 2023; Revised: June 7, 2023)**

**Section 712. Run-Off Elections**

If the abstract shows that the vote cast for two or more candidates for an office is tied, the Election Board shall supervise the run-off election following the same rules and procedures followed in the General Election. Subsequent run-off elections may be held in the same manner if necessary. As soon as a candidate has received a higher vote than any other candidate, no further run-off elections will be had.

**Section 201. Election Days**

- (c) Any such Primary Election shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular General Election.  
**Primary Run-Off Election: Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**Section 208. Poll Watchers**

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

Notification of Poll Watchers for the Primary Run-Off Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules.

**DEADLINE: Friday, July 14, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.**

**Section 302. Voting List**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to present sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.
- (b) One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Office and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**Open to the public: Monday, June 5, 2023**

**Section 303. Challenges to Voting Lists**

- (a) At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**Deadline for Challenges: Friday, June 30, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**

**Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot**

Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**Requests will be accepted from Monday, June 5, 2023, and cannot accept requests after Friday, June 22, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**

**(The Election Board will send absentee ballots to the voters who requested during the Primary Election. Please advise if you do not wish to receive a ballot for the Primary Run-Off Election.)**

**Section 706. The Tally**

The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box(es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Run-Off Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules. DEADLINE: Friday, July 14, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**

**Section 710. Certification of Election**

The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 22, 2023  
CERTIFICATION is on Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 23, 2023  
CERTIFICATION is on Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

**Section 802. Contest Petition**

A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for the contest. The statement shall be verified by the affidavit of the contestor (s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.

Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the Election Board, upon request of a party or on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the

proofs and allegations of the contestants, the Election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, August 1, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**

**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 23, 2023**

**THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday, August 2, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**

**Section 805. Request for Recount**

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman, or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.

**PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION:**

**The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, July 27, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**