

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Election Board

2027 Regular Election Announcement

Regular Election April 30, 2027



Offices to Be Elected	
Ogema	1 seat
Tribal Council Outlying	2 seats
Tribal Council Nine County	2 seats
Election Board	2 seats
Chief Judge	1 seat
Appellate Judge	2 seats
At least (1) Licensed Attorney	

Procedures for Establishing Candidacy Packet

An individual who is running for elected office must obtain, complete, and submit a “Declaration of Candidacy Packet.” Any incomplete packets received or not completed before the deadline will result in ineligibility to run in election. Background investigation fee must be submitted by Declaration Packet due date. Background fee is non-refundable.

Procedures for maintaining Voting Eligibility

When current voter registration is up to date with the Election Board, there is no requirement to re-register to vote in any election. Otherwise, when a tribal member is not registered to vote, a complete Voter Registration Form must be submitted for processing and must be current, not later than 50 days prior to any scheduled election.

Voter Registration Deadlines

November 26, 2026, is the voter registration deadline for both the Primary and Regular Election. Tribal members who miss this deadline may still register to vote in the Regular Election until March 11, 2027.

Election Calendar

Election Board Declared 2027 Regular Election	August 28, 2026
Candidate Packets available online and by email	August 28, 2026
Packets available in person at the Government Center & Ellis Bld.	September 15, 2026
Declaration Packet due by 5:00pm via email or in person	October 5, 2026
Slate of Candidates certified posted by 8:00 pm	October 21, 2026
Last day to Withdraw Candidacy by 5:00 pm	October 23, 2026
Ballots mailed out for Primary Election	December 16, 2026
Deadline to request Primary Replacement Ballot	December 24, 2026
Deadline for Disputes	December 31, 2026
Primary Election Day	January 15, 2027
Deadline for withdrawal of Candidacy after Primary Election	January 19, 2027
Deadline for Primary Election Challenges	January 22, 2027
Ballots mailed out for Regular Election	March 31, 2027
Deadline to request Replacement Ballot	April 9, 2027
Deadline for Disputes	April 16, 2027
Deadline for Primary/Regular Election Campaign Financial Report	April 23, 2027
Regular Election Day	April 30, 2027
Deadline to Withdrawal from Regular Election by 5:00pm	May 4, 2027
Deadline for Regular Election Challenges	May 7, 2027

The Primary Election will be conducted by secret mail-in ballot only. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for voting purposes. Ballot counting for the Primary will begin at 12:30 pm, on January 15, 2027, held in the Lodge at the Tribes Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI.

The Regular Election will be conducted by secret mail in ballot as well as in person voting. The homes of registered voters shall be designated as polls for mail-in voting purposes. Ballot counting for the Regular Election will begin at 12:30 pm, on Friday, April 30, 2027. The ballot counting will be held in the Lodge at the Tribes Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI. In person voting for the Regular election is available from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Voting in person requires a valid Tribal ID to be presented.

Candidacy Packet Pick Up and Drop Off

Packets can be downloaded from the LRBOI website, on the Election Board page. Packets can be requested by email at Electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov or by calling 231-398-6709. Candidate packets may be returned via email to the Electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov. Candidate packets will be reviewed and verified by the Election Board. If there are any issues or missing information, the Election Board will contact the potential candidate to correct deficiencies, if time permits. The background check fee is required as part of the candidate process and may be mailed to the Election Board or dropped off. **The non-refundable payment of the background check fee must be received by the submission deadline. All packets must be submitted complete no later than 5:00pm on October 5, 2026. Incomplete candidate packets are unacceptable and will result in not meeting the candidate requirements to run for election.**

Election Board Office Hours – Candidate Packet Pick Up

Manistee: **September 15, 2026, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**
Government Building - Center 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660
Election Board Office

Muskegon: **September 15, 2026, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**
Ellis Building - 1478 E. Ellis Road. Muskegon, MI 49444
Inside the Main Door

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Manistee: **October 5, 2026, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**
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Election Board Office

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Voter Registration forms are available via:

- LRBOI-nsn.gov website on the Election Board page
- Pick up in Manistee at the Government Building
- Pick up in Muskegon at the Ellis Building
- Email request at electionboard@lrboi-nsn.gov
- Phone 231-398-6709

Every LRBOI Vote Counts!