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sided in Manistee, Mason, Wexford or Lake Counties in the State of Michigan, who was listed on the schedule of Grand River Ottawa in the Durant Roll of 1908 as approved by the Secretary of
the Interior on February 18, 1910; or, (b) Is a lineal descendant of individuals listed on the 1870 Annuity Payrolls of Chippewas and Ottawas of Michigan listed under the following Ottawa Chiefs: Kewacushkum Pay-quo-tush Me-tay-wis Shaw-be-quo-ung Penayse Kaw-gay-gaw-bowe Maw-gaw-ne-quong Ching-gawa-she Aken Bell; and, (c) Is not currently enrolled in any other federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, or group.

Proposed Changes

Re-number the remaining sections, and add a new Section 7 as follows:
Section 7 - Closing or Opening Enrollment. The closing or opening of enrollment shall occur only by an Initiative of the Membership according to Article VII, Section 2 of this Constitution. Resolution #15-1209-373

Proposed Changes

PROPOSAL #3 - Should Article IV Section 2 be amended as follows:
Section 2 - Composition oj the Tribal Council; Districts.
(a) The Tribal Council shall consist of nine (9) persons, elected by popular vote of the registered voters of the Tribe in the manner described in this Section and Article IX.
(b) Tribal Council positions shall be elected by the membership by the following districts:
1. Four (4) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by the
registered voters of the Tribe who reside in the following Counties in the State of Michigan: Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford;
2. Four (4) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by all of
the registered voters of the Tribe residing outside of the nine (9) county districtdefined in subsection 2(b)(1) of this Section; and
3. One (1) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by all of the registered voters of the Tribe regardless of residency ..
(c) The Council shall select two (2) Council members, by majority vote of the Council, to serve as Council Officers: Speaker and Recorder. Officers' terms shall be two years. A single Council member may not hold both Officer positions.
In addition, Article IX would be amended as follows, to implement the transition to 4-4-1:

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Section 2 - Composition of the Tribal Council.
(a) The Tribal Council shall consist of nine (9) persons, elected by popular vote of the registered voters of the Tribe in the manner described in this Section and Article IX.
(b)Tribal Council positions shall be elected by the membership from the following districts:
1. Six (6) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by the registered voters of the Tribe who reside in the following Counties in the State of Michigan: Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford;
2. Two (2) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by all of the registered voters of the Tribe; 3. One (1) of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council shall be elected by those registered voters of the Tribe residing outside the nine (9) county district defined in subsection 2(b)(1) of this Section.
(c) The Council shall select two (2) Council members, by majority vote of the Council, to serve as Council Officers: Speaker and Recorder. Officers terms shall be two years. A single Council member may not hold both Officer positions.

Proposed Changes

ARTICLE IX - ELECTION
Section 1 - First Election. The first election under this amended Constitution of the nine (9) members ofthe Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema shall be conducted in accordance with Article V, Section 2, Article V, Section 6 and this Article.
(a) Current Tribal Ogema; Tribal Council Members. The current Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council members as of the adoption of these amendments shall continue in office until the expiration of his or her current term. Thereafter, all candidates for office shall be required to meet the qualifications described in Articles IV and V, respectively.
(b) Declaration oj Candidacy. Candidate shall declare their intention to run for a seat on Tribal Council, or for the office of Ogema, or for a seat on the judiciary. Provided, that, the Election Board shall identify positions requiring specific qualifications as identified in Articles IV, V and VI. Where no candidate, at the conclusion of any deadlines set by the Election Board, declares for a position on the Tribal Council requiring specific qualifications, the Tribal Ogema shall nominate for Tribal Council's approval a qualified Tribal Member for this vacancy.
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(d) The Election Board shall issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this Constitution, as it deems necessary to properly conduct the first election under these amendments. Such rules and regulations shall include procedures for conducting necessary background investigations of candidates for elected office to verify such person's qualifications for office and providing confirmation of a candidate's qualifications for office to registered voters in advance of voting.
Section 2 - Election Methods.
(a) Regular Elections. Members of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema shall be elected in the month of April, the date to be set by the Election Board. The conduct for all tribal elections, including registration requirements, shall be prescribed and provided for by the Election Board.
(b) Special Elections. Special elections shall be called by the Election Board, when appropriate or when required under this Constitution, to remove, recall, and fill vacancies of elected officials, and to submit initiatives and referenda to the Tribal membership.
In addition, with the change to 4-4-1 Districts, Article IV Section 6 Subsection (f) would be amended as follows:
(f) Quorum required to conduct business.
1. A quorum of the Tribal Council shall consist of six (6) members.

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ARTICLE IX – ELECTION
Section 1 - First Election. The first election under this Constitution of the nine (9) members of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema shall be conducted in accordance with Article IV, Section 2, Article V, Section 6 and this Article and shall be conducted no later than one hundred eighty (180) days after this Constitution is adopted. The date for the election shall be set by the Election Board appointed under subsection (e) of this Section. This election shall be conducted to implement a system of staggered terms of service by Tribal Council members and the Tribal Ogema as follows:
(a) Six positions on the Tribal Council will be elected by members residing in the nine (9) county district consisting of the Michigan Counties of Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford. The terms of office for such Council members will be decided in the following manner:
1. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall each serve
an approximate four (4) year term of office.
2. The three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve an approximate two (2) year term of office. (b) Two positions on the Tribal Council shall be elected by all of the members of the Tribe
regardless of residency. The terms of office for such Council members will be decided in the following manner: