

To the Honorable the Senate and House of
Representatives-

We your Special Law Committee
to whom was referred that part of the
Principal Chief's Message which referred
to the Election Law- After having
Carefully Considered the Same- Would
most respectfully recommend the
passage of the following "Bill."

And your Committee would
ask to be relieved from further duty
in this particular.

Attest
S. J. Willis
Secretary

M. Kee King
Chairman of
Committee

Whakā Lamaha

Oct. 14th 1876

An Act entitled an act amendatory of "An Act providing for holding elections in this Nation, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Chectaw Nation assembled - That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Supreme Judges of the several Districts of this Nation, to receive and include the votes in any of the Poll Books returned to him without the same shall be in strict conformity to law - But he shall receive and forward the same with his endorsement thereon (considered illegal) with the abstract of legal votes to the National Secretary to be by him laid before the General Council at its next regular session for the consideration of that Body -

Sec. 2

in votes

Be it further enacted, &c. That in the election of District and County officers, if there should be a tie vote, or if two or more Candidates shall be equal or highest - The Supreme Judge shall forthwith report the fact to the Principal Chief giving the names of the two or more Candidates so tied - And the Principal Chief shall forthwith appoint one of the Candidates to

Sec 3

the position mentioned in the report
of the said Supreme Judge—
Be it further enacted &c., That in the election
of National Officers the Poll Books shall
be delivered by the National Secretary
to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
who shall proceed to examine and count
all of the legal votes in the presence
of both branches of the General Council
And in the event of a tie vote, or if two
or more Candidates shall be equal or
highest in votes, then the Speaker shall
notify the two Houses, and the members
thereof shall proceed to vote, as directed
in Section 3rd Article 5th Executive
Department of the Constitution, for the
officers after the manner of electing the
Principal Chief—

Sec 4

Be it further enacted &c., That so much of
Section 17 of the above act as requires
the Supreme Judge to deposit the abstract
of votes made by him with the Clerk of the
Supreme Court be and the same is hereby
repeated. And that the Supreme Judge
shall forward the abstract made by him
to the National Secretary as required
by the Constitution—

Sec 5 Be it further enacted &c. That Section 18
of the above act be so Amended as to
insert in the 2^d line between the
words "of" and "votes" the word "legal"

Sec 6 Be it further enacted &c. That this act take
effect and be in force from and
after its passage

Laid over for further
consideration Oct 17th 1876

Passed the House
Oct 18th 1876
S. W. Luntain
Speaker

Approved Oct. 19th 1876

Coleman Cole
Principal Chief
Choctaw Nation

Recorded Oct 19th
1876

A. B. Finworth
Recording Secy

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Report Special
Law Committee

Election Law

Bill laid for
further consideration

Oct 21 1876

Passed the Senate
Oct 16th 1876

J. B. Moore
President
of the Senate

Laid over for further
consideration Oct
16th 1876