

BILL NO 4

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WHEREAS: A great majority of the Choctaw people are totally unfamiliar with the subdivisions of land as made by the U.S. Government surveyors, in the Choctaw Nation; and

WHEREAS: There is no provision by which the Choctaw people may acquaint themselves with the said subdivisions, and for that reason it is necessary for some method to be adopted whereby they may secure the proper data, and be prepared to file upon their land, before going to the land office:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION, IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED.

Section 1 That the office of Allotting Commission be and the same is hereby created.

Section 2 Be it further enacted that the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons for the three Districts comprising the Choctaw Nation, who shall be under his special supervision. The said allotting Commissioners shall provide themselves with proper maps, plats and field notes in order that they may be able to furnish the citizens with plats of the lands they wish to allot. They shall visit each and every township in the Choctaw Nation, and make and deliver plats to all citizens who will allot lands for themselves or are legally authorized to select lands for others.

Section 3 Said Allotting Commissioners shall be appointed for two years, or until such time as their services are no longer required, and shall receive, as compensation for their actual service the sum of five dollars per day, each, and two dollars per day each in lieu of subsistence, payable quarterly, upon the certificate of the Principal Chief.

Section 4 And upon the failure of any Commissioner appointed under this act to perform the duties outlined herein without a lawful excuse, he shall, by the Principal Chief, be removed, and his

successor appointed.

Section 5 And the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries and expenses of said Commissioners is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the National Auditor shall issue warrants, quarterly, to pay said Commissioners, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Read, interpreted, passed  
Senate and referred to House  
this Dec. 12, 1902.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec. Sec.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Senate.

Read, interpreted, passed  
House and referred to Chief  
this, Dec. 12, 1902.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec. Sec.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of House.

Approved this 12th day of December, 1902.

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Principal Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, D.C. \_\_\_\_\_

-APPROVED  
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Amendment.

In Sec 3<sup>d</sup> where the words, "and \$3<sup>00</sup>  
per day" strike out and use instead  
the words "and Two Dollars per day"

Proposed by W<sup>H</sup> Harrisan.



Read, interpreted passed  
as amended by the Senate  
and referred to House  
This the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec, 1902

James Brown  
Pres. of Senate

Attest  
J. H. Brown  
Recording Secy.

Read, interpreted  
passed The House  
and referred to  
Chief, This 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of Dec-1902

R. J. Ward  
Speaker of House

W. M. Cooper  
Rec. Secy



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WHEREAS: There is no provision ~~whatever~~ by which said Choctaw people may ~~post~~ <sup>acquaint</sup> themselves as regards these subdivisions, ~~therefore~~ <sup>for that reason</sup> it is absolutely necessary that some method be adopted whereby they may ~~appear at said land office~~ <sup>secure the proper data to be prepared</sup> prepared to file upon ~~the lands they wish to allot.~~ <sup>their</sup> NOW THEREFORE ~~before going to the land office:~~ <sup>now therefore</sup>

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First: ~~The~~ <sup>That</sup> The office of Allotting Commission be and the same is hereby created.

Second: ~~And~~ <sup>that</sup> be it further enacted ~~that there be three competent men~~ <sup>that the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons for the</sup> each of the three Districts comprising the Choctaw Nation, ~~appointed by the Principal Chief, and who shall be under the special supervision of the Principal Chief; and the duties of said allotting Commissioners shall be to provide themselves with proper maps, plats and field-notes, in order that they may be able to furnish the citizens with plats of the lands they wish to allot; and further it shall be the duty of said allotting Commission to visit each and every township in the Choctaw Nation, and make and deliver plats to all citizens who will allot lands for themselves or are legally authorized to select allotments for others.~~ <sup>his</sup> <sup>the said</sup> <sup>They shall</sup>

Third: Said allotting Commissioners shall be appointed for two years, or until such time as their services are no longer required, and shall receive, as compensation for their <sup>Actual</sup> services, the sum of five dollars per day, each, and three dollars per day, each, in lieu of subsistence. <sup>> upon the discharge of the P. C.</sup>

Fourth: And, upon the failure of any Commissioner appoin-

ted under this act to perform the duties ~~as are~~ outlined herein without a lawful excuse, shall by the Principal Chief be removed, and his successor appointed.

Fifth: And the sum of Fifteen Thousand <sup>Dollars</sup> or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries and expenses of said Commissioners is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury, not otherwise appropriated; and the National Auditor shall issue warrants, quarterly, to pay said Commissioners, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

*B. C. Short*



Bill No 6  
At the Special Session  
in Dec 1902

An Act Creating  
Alcoholic Commission

Filed in the Mail Section  
Office this the 12th day  
of Dec 1902 E. H. Wilson  
U.S. Post Office

Principal Clerk  
William McCorkton  
Dec. 1902

Approved this  
the 22nd day of  
December  
1902

James Brown  
Clerk of Senate  
12th day of Dec 1902

Read in Senate  
and passed to Senate  
this 10th day of Dec 1902  
E. H. Wilson  
Clerk of Senate  
1902

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Read, interpreted, passed Senate and referred to House this Dec. 12, 1902.

Attest:

Joe W. Conser  
Rec. Sec.

James Bower  
President of Senate.

Read, interpreted, passed House and referred to Chief this, Dec. 12, 1902.

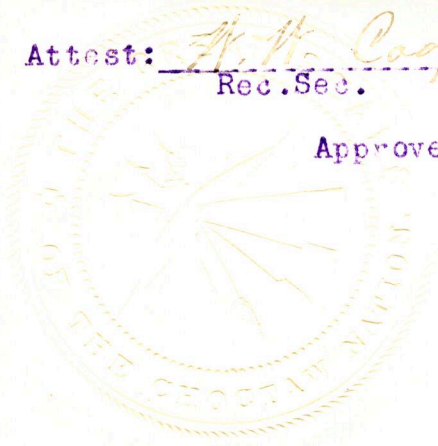
Attest:

H. W. Cooper  
Rec. Sec.

R. J. Ward  
Speaker of House.

Approved this 12th day of December, 1902.

Green M. Cortain  
Principal Chief C.N.



~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, WHITE HOUSE,

WASHINGTON, D.C. February 28, 1903.

DISAPPROVED:

T. Roosevelt



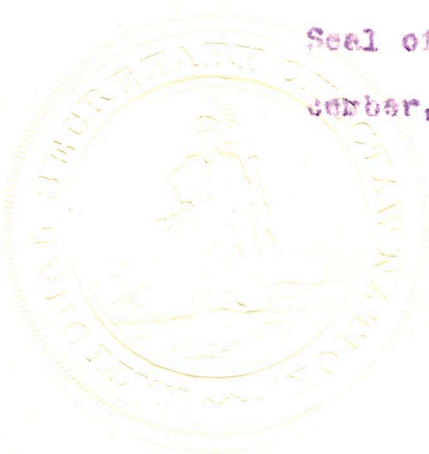
OFFICE  
NATIONAL SECRETARY  
Choctaw Nation

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That the above and hereto attached bill No. 4 is an act of the Choctaw General Council passed at a special Session thereof in December, 1902, and approved by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, in his official character on December 12, 1902, and that I do hereby respectfully submit the same for the approval of the President of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29, of the Act of Congress of June 26, 1898, (30 Stats. 495), entitled "An Act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Edward H. Wilson, National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, have hereto affixed my official signature, and the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation, this the 18 Day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two.

*Edward H. Wilson*  
National Secretary of the  
Choctaw Nation.





In the office of the National  
Secretary of the Cherokee Nation  
14 day of March 1903  
E. H. Wilson  
National Secretary.

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Filed in the office of the National  
Secretary of the Cherokee Nation  
14 day of March 1903  
Edward H. Wilson  
National Secretary.

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