

WHEREAS, The Chief Executives of the Five Civilized Tribes in Convention at Eufaula, Indian Territory, May 21, 1903, recommended that the General Council of each Nation authorize the Chief Executive to issue a proclamation calling an election to determine whether or not the legal voters of each Nation are in favor of an international Constitutional Convention, to frame a Constitution for a state government for Indian Territory alone, to become effective when the several Tribal governments expire March 4, 1906; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Executives further recommended that the General Council of each Nation should prescribe a plan for selecting delegates to the said convention; and,

WHEREAS: There is no general law governing the Five Civilized Tribes whereby an election of delegates to the proposed International Constitutional Convention could be legally held, and, the enactment of such law at this time is wholly impracticable, and,

WHEREAS: The Chief Executives further recommended that said delegates be instructed by the General Council of each Nation to incorporate in the proposed Constitution a provision prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the boundaries of the state formed out of the Indian Territory;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED.

Section 1. That the principal Chief shall appoint six delegates from each of the three Judicial Districts and two delegates at large, of which delegation he shall be ex-officio Chairman.

Section 2. That the delegates appointed under the provisions of this resolution are hereby instructed to incorporate in the Constitution framed by said convention a provision prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the boundary of the <sup>state formed</sup> ~~state~~ out of the Indian Territory.



Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by Peter Couson, Chairman  
Chiefs Message Committee



Bill No 14

A Resolution  
authorizing the Chief  
to appoint Delegates to  
International Convention

Filed in the office of the National  
Secretary of the Choctaw Nation  
26 day of Oct 1903  
Edward A. Wilson  
National Secretary

Recorded in the  
House Record Book this  
October 28th 1903

E. Dyer  
Sec. Secy.

Read. Interpreted, passed  
the Senate, and referred  
to Lower House. This the  
22nd day of Oct. 1903.

James Bowen.  
Pres. of Senate.

Attest  
J. W. Cannon.  
Recording Secretary.

Read Interpreted Passed  
the House and  
referred to the Principal  
Chief this October 23rd 1903

R. J. Ward  
Speaker of the House

Attest  
E. Dyer  
Sec. Secy.

approved this the 23rd  
day of October 1903

Green McBurnain  
Principal Chief  
Choctaw Nation



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WHEREAS, The Chief Executives further recommended that said election be held not later than December 20, 1903, and that the election be held in the same manner as other elections are held with the exception that the votes cast in each nation be certified by the precinct officers and forwarded to the Chief Executive, and that the Chief Executives of the Five Civilized Tribes constitute a Board of Commissioners who shall canvass and count the votes cast in each Nation, and issue proclamation of the result not later than January 4, 1904.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED.

Section 1. That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to issue a proclamation calling an election in said Nation for the purpose of submitting to the voters thereof the question of whether or not they are in favor of an international Constitutional Convention, the purpose of which is to frame a constitution for a State Government for Indian Territory alone to succeed the several Tribal Governments on March 4, 1906.

Section 2. Said Election shall be held December 19, 1903.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the County Judges of the several Counties of the Choctaw Nation to appoint election judges of said election on the first Monday in December, 1903.



Section 4. Said election shall be held in the same manner as other elections are held in this Nation, with the exception that instead of the Sheriff delivering the poll books of the County to the Supreme Judge of his district, the poll books shall be by the sheriff forwarded by registered mail within five days after the election to the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation.

Section 5. The ballots cast in the said election shall read as follows; those favoring the convention shall read "For Convention" those opposing the convention shall read "No Convention".

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

*Proposed by Peter Conson, Chairman  
Chiefs message Committee*



Bill No 16

A resolution authorizing the Chief to call a Special Election on International Convention

Filed in the office of the National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation  
26 day of Oct 1903

E. Howard K. Wilson  
National Secretary

Recorded in the House  
Record book this October  
28th 1903

E. E. Dyer  
Recording Secretary

Read, interpreted, passed  
the Senate, and referred  
to Lower House. This the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Day of Oct. 1903.

James Bowen.  
Pres. of Senate.

attest  
(Recommended)  
Recording Secretary.

Read Interpreted passed  
the House and referred  
to the Principal Chief  
this October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1903,

R. J. Ward

Speaker of the  
House,

attest  
E. E. Dyer  
Rec. Secy

Approved this the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of October - 1903

Green McLaurain  
Principal Chief  
Choctaw Nation