

IMPORTANCE OF ABSENTEES AND ABENTEE BALLOTS:

(Yes.) For example what if a person left here and went to Dallas or Chicago or some place and lived there for many years and then came back here to stay. How would the Arapahoes feel about electing this person to the Tribal Council?)

Well, there isn't any difference of opinion. We send them absentee ballots. And we give them a list of the candidates. And of course they know where those candidates live, you know--the districts--and then they in turn send for absentee ballots at the central office. And those absentee ballots are sent to them and they cast their votes by affidavit of a Notary Public, you know--to show that nobody else didn't persuade them or sign for them or anything like that. Then it comes back. It doesn't come back to the Council--it comes back to the Superintendent. He opens the mail and then he directs the Council that he's received absentee ballots--votes--and of course they're counted in. But they keep all the envelopes so when they tally these votes and there's any question about the sincerity or the genuine attitude-- then they refer to those letters.

(Do very many people that are living away vote by absentee ballot?)

Yeah, quite a number of them. They support most of the members of the Committee. Absentee ballots counts pretty heavy, yeah.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS; DISQUALIFICATION FOR FELONY:

(Do women vote too?)

Yeah.

(Is there any age requirement?)

Well, girls from eighteen up. Boys, from twenty-one up.

(Girls can vote when they're eighteen?)

Yeah. If they haven't been charged legally on felony. That legally disqualifies them from voting.

(What--if they ever are disqualified because of felony--an they ever get back their voting privilege?)

Yes, they can vote.