

**APRIL SESSION 2014 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**CLB No. 14-04**

**INTRODUCED BY DARRIN OLD COYOTE, CHAIRMAN CROW TRIBAL  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED:**

**“AN ACT TO AMEND THE CROW TRIBAL ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE  
IN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION”**

Legislative Findings:

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Legislature (“Legislature”) is vested with the power and duty to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, ordinances, codes, regulations, and guidelines in accordance with the 2001 Crow Constitution and federal laws pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crow Tribal Executive Branch is vested with the power and responsibility pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(g) of the Crow Tribal Constitution to enforce all laws, ordinances, resolutions, or guidelines passed by the Legislature providing for the levying of taxes and licensing of members and non-members for various purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 1 and Article VI, Section 2 of the Crow Constitution provide that after the initial election of the Legislature in 2001, the members of the Legislative Branch shall be elected in a duly adopted Election Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, certain amendments need to be made to Title 21 Elections, of the Crow Law and Order Code governing Crow Tribal Elections, to ensure all elections are fair and to insure the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot, and to provide a time frame for changing district registration to ensure accurate district registry books for the Crow Tribal Elections; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS CROW TRIBAL LAW BY THE CROW  
TRIBAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IN REGULAR SESSION:**

**Section 1.** That the amendments attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are approved and shall be codified in the Crow Law and Order Code under Title 21 Elections, Crow Tribal Election Ordinance.

**Section 2.** These Amendments shall become effective immediately upon enactment by the Crow Tribal Legislative Branch and approval by the Chairman of the Executive Branch.

**Section 3.** Article II, Section 2 of the Election Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

## ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, VOTER REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

- (1) Selecting a District: A member must vote in only one (1) district during the primaries and general Election Day. Under no circumstances may a voter cast a ballot in more than one district for the same election. Members who wish to vote in an election must choose a district in which to vote by registering in that district. Registration forms must be submitted in person by the voter to the Tribal Secretary's office.
- (2) Timing of Registration for New Registrants: In order to vote in district Legislative elections, eligible tribal members must register to vote in a particular district by completing a voter registration form. New voter registration forms may be completed at any time up to ten (10) business days before an election to permit the registration list to be printed and distributed to the polling places. New voter registration shall resume on Election Day and Enrolled members who register on Election Day shall be entitled to vote in that election. New voter registration forms will be available from the Tribal Secretary's office.
- (3) Registration List: The Secretary shall maintain a comprehensive list of all registered voters. Upon receipt of a voter registration form, the Secretary shall verify that the registrant is an eligible voter, and if so, add the individual to the voter registration list within the same working day. The registration list must be kept current at all times and must be kept in a secure location. Registration will be closed ten (10) business days before the election to permit the registration lists to be printed and distributed to the polling places. The Tribal Secretary shall update the voter registration list immediately following the election. If any individual's registration is rejected, the person must be notified of the reason for the rejection within seven (7) business days of the determination of ineligibility, in writing.
- (4) Changing District Registration: A registered voter seeking to change the district in which he or she is registered may only do so by filing a change in district registration form during the time period beginning June 1 and ending September 30, beginning 2014 and every four (4) years thereafter. A change in district registration form must be submitted in person by the voter to the Tribal Secretary's office. Changes in district registration shall be effective on October 1 immediately following the end of the period. The Tribal Secretary shall publish notice of the times for changing district registration at least ten (10) days before the beginning of each period.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Bill titled "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CROW TRIBAL ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE IN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION" was duly passed by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.  
Speaker, Crow Tribal Legislature

ATTEST



Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.  
Secretary, Crow Tribal Legislature



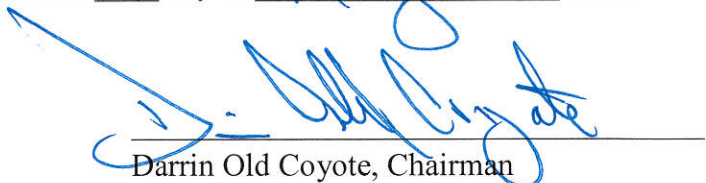
## EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby:

X APPROVE

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This Bill for an act entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CROW TRIBAL ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE IN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION" pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, on this 14 day of May, 2014



Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman  
Crow Tribal Executive Branch

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**Bill or Resolution:** CLB14-04 **Introduced by:** Chairman Darrin Old Coyote **Date of Vote:** 4/14/2014  
**Number**

<u><b>Representative:</b></u>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
G. Three Irons	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Rogers	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Hill	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
E. Birdinground	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
A. Coyote-Runs, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Nomee	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
T. Gros Ventre	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Alden, Jr.	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
P. Spotted Horse, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
L. DeCrane	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Hugs	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
B. Good Luck	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Stewart	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
R. K. Old Crow, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<u>  14  </u>	<u>    0    </u>	<u>    0    </u>

Result of Vote:

**Passed**

**Not Passed**

**Tabled**

**Veto-Override**

  
 Senator R. Knute Old Crow, Sr.      Date  
 Speaker of the House

  
 Senator Gordon Real Bird, Jr.      Date  
 Secretary of the House