



# SPECIAL ELECTION

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### OCTOBER 17, 2026

In Accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, Article V – Kiowa Indian Council, Section 3 – Reserved Powers. Section 3 (iii) Amendment of the Constitution as well as Kiowa Constitution Section -5 Procedures, (C) KIC Resolutions, and in accordance with the Kiowa Election Ordinance, a Special Election has been called and will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026. This Special Election will bring two proposed Constitutional Amendments to a vote of the Kiowa people.

## PROCESS FOR AMENDING THE KIOWA CONSTITUTION:

Article V-Kiowa Indian Council. Section 3-Reserved Powers. (iii) The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and follow the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.

**The Kiowa Constitution. Article XIV – Amendments.** Section 2. Requirements for Passage. The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the voters who vote in the Special Election; provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of **the voters** cast a vote in the Special Election. Amendments approved by the voters shall become effective immediately unless otherwise indicated in the amendment.

The General Election was held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, which initiated the process to amend the Kiowa Constitution. This first election asked the voters “should the proposed amendment be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election?” Two resolutions were passed by a majority of “yes” votes. These two resolutions will now move to the second “Subsequent Special Election” as required by the Kiowa Constitution. The second election will ask voters “should the constitution be amended as proposed in this resolution?” Resolutions receiving a majority of “yes” votes will result in an amendment to the Constitution **provided at least thirty percent (30%) of the voters cast a vote in the Special Election.** Currently, the Kiowa Tribe has 9374 eligible voters. In order for the second election to be valid, there must be participation of at least 2813 voters.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

To view the full text of each Resolution, use the internet and go to the tribe’s website at [kiowatribe.org](http://kiowatribe.org). Click the KIC Tab (Kiowa Indian Council). The Resolutions are posted on this site. Any questions about the content of the Resolutions should be addressed to the KIC Coordinator, Joseph Granado. Mr. Granado can be reached by emailing [kic@kiowatribe.org](mailto:kic@kiowatribe.org) or by calling 580-425-0670.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0004-2026

Scan the QR code below to view the full amendments

Remove the 30% Voter Requirement to Amend the Constitution.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0009-2026

Enrollment amendment making all current Enrollees 4/4-degree Kiowa blood.



## ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Tribal members who are 18 years of age on or before October 17, 2026 will be eligible to vote in this Special Election.

## VOTING PROCESS:

Voting for the Special Election will be conducted by mail-in ballot as well as on-site voting at 7 polling places:

**District 1 Ah-Kaw-Lay/Anadarko** – Kiowa Veterans Building, 125 East Broadway, St., Anadarko, OK

**District 2 Zoltone/Carnegie** - Kiowa Tribal Complex, 100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK

**District 3 DoHay-doy/Medicine Bluff** – Office of the Legislature District 3, 124 East Evans Ave., Apache, OK

**District 4 Qop-aydle/Jimmy Creek** - Office of the Legislature District 4, 1621 SW Lee Blvd, Lawton, OK

**District 5 P’au-aydle/P’au-gul/Red River** – Sherwood Tsoitigh Memorial UMC, 501 7th St., Cache, OK

**District 6 Qocaui P’au/Elk Creek** – Office of the Legislature District 6, 430 S. Main St, Hobart, OK

**District 7 Cauigu/All Kiowa** – Kiowa Outreach Building, 4111 Perimeter Center Pl, OKC

The Polls will be open from 8 am until 5 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026, for the Special Election.

Ballots for the Special Election will be mailed on or about September 3, 2026.

**Tribal members desiring to vote by mail-in ballot should update their address with the Kiowa Enrollment Office prior to Wednesday September 2, 2026.** Tribal members may also call 405-247-0477 for assistance with address updates. **Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters with a Current Address.**

Once your mail-in ballot is received, be prompt in marking your choices and return your ballot by mail as quickly as possible to ensure your ballot is received prior to Election Day.

**You MUST sign the affidavit on the back of the return envelope for your ballot to be counted.**

Mail-In Ballots will not be accepted at polling places on Election Day; they must be mailed. If you are unable to mail your ballot in a timely manner, you can vote in person at any of the seven polling places.

## **ELECTION RESULTS:**

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Counting of mail-in ballots will begin at 11 AM on Election Day. The counting will be conducted at the Kiowa Tribal Complex. Unofficial Election Results will be posted after the polls have closed and upon completion of the vote counting process. The Election Results will be certified by the Election Commission within 24 hours of the completed count. (Article IX, Section 13)

## **CHALLENGE PERIOD:**

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The election challenge period will begin on Sunday October 18, 2026. The challenge period will last for 72 hours in which time, any voter who wishes to challenge the election results can submit their written challenge via email at [election@kiowatribe.org](mailto:election@kiowatribe.org). Challenge period will close on Wednesday October 21, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

**Official Election Results will be posted on Thursday October 22, 2026**

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Kiowa Election Commission at 405-247-0477.

Email – [election@kiowatribe.org](mailto:election@kiowatribe.org)

## **KIOWA ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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