

RULES OF ELECTION

RULES TO GOVERN THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO RATIFY OR REJECT THE SEVEN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE HOPI TRIBE.

This Secretarial election is a Federal election. These rules are in accordance with Title 25 Part 81 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

This Secretarial election will be conducted by all mailout ballot only.

1. ELECTION DATE: May 25, 2017

2. ELIGIBLE VOTERS: All enrolled members who are 18 years old or older on the day of the Secretarial election **and** who have registered with the Secretary of the Interior will be permitted to vote to ratify or reject the proposed amendments.

3. REGISTRATION: The “Voter Registration Form” must be completed and received by mail to the Secretarial Election Board, at P.O. Box 44607, Rio Rancho, NM 87174, no later than **12:00 p.m., DST on April 26, 2017**. If you have not received a “Voter Registration Form” by mail, they are available at the following office(s):

- BIA, Hopi Agency, 100 Main Street, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034

- Hopi Tribal Operations office, Legislative Building in Kykotsmovi, Arizona

You can also hand deliver the “Voter Registration Form” to the BIA, Hopi Agency, 100 Main Street, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034, by **April 26, 2017, by 12:00 p.m. MST**

IMPORTANT: If you do not properly register with the Secretary of the Interior, you will not be allowed to participate in this Secretarial election.

4. VOTERS LIST: The registered voter list shall be in alphabetical order and shall be posted for review no later than **April 26, 2017**, at the following places:

- BIA, Hopi Agency, 100 Main Street, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034
- Hopi Tribal Headquarters
- Walpi, Sichomovi & Tewa Village Offices
- Shungopavi, Mishongnovi, & Sipaulavi Village CSA Offices
- Kykotsmovi Village CSA Office
- Bacavi Village Bulletin
- Hotevilla Village Bulletin
- Upper & Lower Moenkopi Village CSA Offices

5. ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES: If you wish to challenge the inclusion, exclusion or omission of a name on the Registered Voters List, you must submit the challenge in writing to the Secretarial Election Board. You must include the name of the affected

individual(s), the reason why the individual(s) name should be added or removed and supporting documentation.

Such claims or challenges must be sent to the Secretarial Election Board by mail to: BIA, Hopi Agency, P.O. Box 158, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034

Or by hand delivery to: BIA, Hopi Agency, 100 Main Street, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034 .

Claims and challenges must be received by **May 3, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. MST**. The Secretarial Election Board shall make a determination on any claim or challenge within three days of the challenge deadline; its decision shall be final for the purpose of determining who can vote in the Secretarial election.

The final official list of those entitled to vote shall be posted at the same places identified in Item number 4.

If a challenge is received after the deadline, the Secretarial Election Board must deny the challenge. If an individual failed to submit his or her registration form on time, that individual is precluded from challenging the omission of his/her name on the list.

6. MAILOUT BALLOTS: Mailout ballots with instructions will be mailed promptly after the Registered Voter List is final. No request is required to receive a mailout ballot. Ballots will be sent to all registered voters listed on the final Registered Voters

List. The Mailout ballots submitted by mail must be received by

May 25, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. MST, to:
BIA, Hopi Agency, P.O. Box 158, Keams Canyon, Arizona.

Or by hand deliver to:

BIA, Hopi Agency at 100 Main Street,
Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034 by **May 25, 2017, by 4:00 p.m. MST**

NOTE: Please use both envelopes when sending back the ballots and please sign the certification on the outer envelope before mailing back your ballot. It must be signed to be valid.

7. POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The results of the Secretarial Election shall be posted at the locations listed in #4 above on **May 25, 2017**.

8. CONTESTING ELECTION

RESULTS: Any person who is listed on the Eligible Voters List and who submitted a Voter Registration Form may challenge the results of the Secretarial election. Any challenge must be submitted in writing along with substantiating evidence to the Chair of the Secretarial Election Board by mail **May 30, 2017**, to:

BIA, Hopi Agency, P.O. Box 158, Keams Canyon, Arizona by **4:00 p.m. MST**

Or by hand deliver to:

BIA, Hopi Agency at 100 Main Street,
Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034 by
May 30, 2017, by 4:00 p.m. MST

Challenges received after the deadline for filing challenges will not be considered.

All challenges will be forwarded by the Secretarial Election Board to the Regional Director for review and decision.

If a challenge alleges errors that would invalidate the election, and the Regional Director sustains any such challenge, the Regional Director will authorize a recount or call for a new Secretarial election. If the challenges are denied or dismissed, the Regional Director will move forward to approve/disapprove the results of the Secretarial election. The decision of the Regional Director shall be a final agency action.

9. ADOPTION: The proposed amendments shall be considered adopted, if the majority vote in favor of adoption; provided, at least thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters have cast ballots in the Secretarial election. The Regional Director will then have 45 days to take action to approve.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD

- Sophia Torres, Chair of the Secretarial Election Board, Bureau of Indian Affairs, (602) 379-6786
- Miona Kaping, Secretarial Election Board Member
- Darrell Kewanwytewa, Secretarial Election Board Member
- Alfonso Sakeva, Secretarial Election Board Member

NOTICE AND RULES OF ELECTION

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United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Hopi Agency



**Interpreters will be available at the BIA,
Hopi Agency or the Hopi Tribal
Operations Office**