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An Act

Legislative Act 11-09

A LEGISLATIVE ACT REQUIRING THAT THE CHEROKEE NATION AND THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ALL CHEROKEE NATION TAG OFFICES AND CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH CLINICS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

Section 1. Title and Codification

This act shall be known as the "Cherokee Nation Tag & Clinic Voter Registration Act of 2009" and codified under Title _____ of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated (CNCA).

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to increase voter registration and participation by Cherokee Citizens in both Cherokee Nation and State of Oklahoma elections.

Section 3. Legislative History

Article VI § 7 of the Cherokee Nation Constitution, which states:

"The Council shall have the power to establish laws which it shall deem necessary and proper for the good of the Nation, which shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Constitution. The style of all bills shall be: "Be It Enacted By The Cherokee Nation". The style of all resolutions shall be "Be It Resolved By The Cherokee Nation".

Section 4. Definitions

Cherokee Nation Tag Office: Means any place or facility which sells or

distributes vehicle tags/registrations according

to the laws of the Cherokee Nation.

Voter Registration Application: Means the officially designated voter

registration from the respective jurisdiction.

Cherokee Nation Health Clinics: Means those facilities that are operated by the

Cherokee Nation for the purposes of medical

treatment

Section 5. Substantive Provisions

Section I: In each facility operated by the Cherokee Nation that sells or

distributes vehicle registration or tags shall make available to the person purchasing or receiving said tag/registration an application to

register to vote in the Cherokee Nation and State of Oklahoma

Section II: In each facility operated by the Cherokee Nation that administers

medical treatment shall make available to each person requesting services an application to register and vote in the Cherokee Nation and

the State of Oklahoma.

Section 6. Provisions as cumulative

The provisions of this act shall be cumulative to existing law.

Section 7. Severability

The provisions of this act are severable and if any part of provision hereof shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this act.

Section 8. Effective Date

This act shall become effective _	June	10	, 2009, in accordance with the
Cherokee Nation Constitution.			

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 11th day of May, 2009.

Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Don Garvin, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 18th day of _____, 2009_____

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Bill John Baker	<u>Yea</u>	Chris Soap	<u>Yea</u>
Tina Glory Jordan	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith A. Frailey	Yea
Joe Crittenden	Yea	Cara Cowan Watts	<u>Yea</u>
Jodie Fishinghawk	Yea	Buel Anglen	Yea
David W. Thornton, Sr.	<u>Yea</u>	Bradley Cobb	Yea
Janelle Lattimore Fullbright	<u>Yea</u>	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.	Yea
Don Garvin	Yea	Julia Coates	Yea
Harley Buzzard	Yea	Jack D. Baker	Yea
Curtis Snell	Yea		