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An Act

Legislative Act 33-12

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #13-07 – THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

Section 1. <u>Title and Codification</u>

This Act may be cited as "Amendment to L.A. Act 13-07, which is known as the "Cherokee Nation Administrative Procedure Act."

Section 2. Purpose

- a) The purpose of this Act is to delete Cherokee Nation Election Commission from Legislative Act 13-07 as an agency defined in Section 102 of said Act.
- b) Under Article IX, Section 1, the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation of 1999 provides, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission "shall be an autonomous and permanent entity" whose exercise of powers are derived directly and exclusively from the Constitution, as opposed to an "agency".

Section 3. Legislative History

Source. LA 13-07, effective March 12, 2007.

Section 4. Substantive Provisions of Law

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Add new Section (a) to Section 102:

SECTION 102. Definitions.

As used in this Act:

(a) "Agency" means the Election commission, Environmental Protection commission, Gaming commission, and Tax commission, including the agency head, and one or more members of the agency head or agency employees or other persons directly or indirectly purporting to act on behalf or under the authority of the agency head. The term does not include the Tribal Council or the courts, or the Principal Chief in the exercise of powers

derived directly and exclusively from the constitution. The term does not include Cherokee Nation Election Commission in the exercise of powers derived directly and exclusively from the constitution. The term does not include tribal owned commercial businesses.

Section 5. Provisions as cumulative

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

Section 6. 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 7. **Effective Date**

The provisions of this act shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Section 8. **Self-Help Contributions**

To the extent that this Act involves programs or services to citizens of the Nation or others, self-help contributions shall be required, unless specifically prohibited by the funding agency, or a waiver is granted due to physical or mental incapacity of the participant to contribute.

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 17th day of September, 2012.

Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Jodie Fishinghawk, Secretary Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 19th day of September, 2012.

Bill John Baker, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Charles Head, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Tina Glory Jordan	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith A. Frailey		Nay
Joe Byrd	Yea	Dick Lay		Yea
David Walkingstick	Yea	Cara Cowan Watts	,	Nay
Jodie Fishinghawk	Yea	Buel Anglen		Nay
Janelle Lattimore Fullbright	Yea	Charles Hoskin, Jr.		Yea
David W. Thornton, Sr.	Yea	Julia Coates		Nay
Don Garvin	<u>Nay</u>	Jack D. Baker		Nay
Lee Keener	Nay	Curtis G. Snell		Yea
Frankie Hargis	Yea			