



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Legislation Text

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CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA  
COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

LAW NO. 3-83

**A BILL TO REPEAL LEGISLATIVE ACT #1-81 AND TO ENACT LAW NO. 3-83 PERTAINING TO THE SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized in accordance with a Constitution approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 5, 1975 and ratified June 26, 1976; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized there is a need to establish salaries and set travel expenses for duly elected officials of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION; the Council of the Cherokee Nation does hereby repeal Legislative Act #1-81 and establish the following:

- (1) The salary of the Principal Chief shall be \$42,500.00 per annum, plus \$500.00 per month for travel within the fourteen county area of the Cherokee Nation.
- (2) The salary of the Deputy Principal Chief shall be \$32,000.00 per annum, plus \$500.00 per month for travel within the fourteen county area of the Cherokee Nation.
- (3) Council Members shall not receive a salary. They shall receive \$300.00 per month for travel plus \$25.00 per official meeting attended of Standing Committees of the Council. No Council Member shall be reimbursed for more than four (4) Committee meetings for a calendar month. In addition, any Council Member traveling 120 miles or more roundtrip to attend regular Council Meetings or official Committee meetings shall be reimbursed actual and necessary expenses, i.e., meals and lodging. Proper receipts must be documented and submitted to the Accounting Department of the Cherokee Nation.
- (4) The Principal Chief, Deputy Chief, Council Members and others who are on official business for the Cherokee shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred for travel outside the fourteen (14) county area of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Proper receipts must be documented and submitted to the Accounting Department of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Legislative Act was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the tenth (10th) day of October, 1983, having fifteen (15) members present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 13 yes; 2 no; 0 abstaining.

Submitted to the Principal this 10th day of October, 1983.

Wilma P. Mankiller, President

ATT:

Gar D. Chapman, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved      ♦ signed the Principal Chief this 10th day of October, 1983.

Ross O. Swimmer, Principal Chief