

Transcribed Excerpts from the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sac and Fox Tribe in Iowa, December 29, 1937

Excerpt 1: Article IV — Composition and Qualifications of Governing Body

Section 1. The Tribal Council shall consist of seven members elected at large from those member of the Tribe living within the boundaries of the Soc and Fox Settlement who are entitled to vote and hold office.

Sec. 2. All members of the Tribal Council must be recognized as persons of honor, law abiding, and of good character. The voting members of the Tribe shall be the sole judge of the qualifications.

Sec. 3. All member of the Tribal Council must be at least twenty-five years of age, and must be descendants of parents both of whom are enrolled members of the Sac and Fox Tribe in Iowa.

Sec. 4. No person shall be disqualified on account of sex from holding any office created by the Constitution.

Excerpt 2: Article V — Election of the Governing Body

Sec. 2. The general election of the Tribal Council by the Tribe shall be held on the third Tuesday of October of each odd-numbered year, beginning 1939, and the necessary number of candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected.

Sec. 4. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Excerpt 3: Article IV — Qualifications for Voting

Section 1. Every member of the Tribe who is twenty-one years of age or over and who has been residing on the reservation for at least six months preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote in all tribal elections except that in any election on an amendment to this Constitution and By-laws all adult members of the Tribe shall be entitled to vote.