



# Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

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## Secretarial Election Announcement

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe's Executive Committee previously requested that a Secretarial Election be initiated by the Secretary of Interior proposing amendments to the Tribe's Constitution pursuant to Tribal Resolution 2021-106. The proposed amendments were as follows:

**Amendment A: Amend Article III, Section 2 by adding the underlined:**

All enrolled members of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe eighteen (18) years of age or over and a resident of Moody County for at least one (1) year prior to the date of an election shall be qualified voters. Residence for purposes of this Constitution shall mean physical presence within Moody County or such territory as may be now held or hereafter acquired by the Tribe provided that temporary absence for purposes of employment, government employment or military service, illness or physical disability, or full-time enrollment in a college, university, vocational school, or certificate program shall be considered as physical presence.

**Amendment B: Amend Article V, Section 2, Paragraph 2 by replacing the struck-through sentence with the underlined sentence:**

The general election shall be held in conjunction with the August General Council meeting for each election year. Polls shall remain open ~~for a period of four hours~~ from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for both the Primary and General elections. Voting shall be by secret ballot and ballots shall be prepared prior to the election with each candidate's name and position he or she is running for appearing on the ballot. At the close of the polls the ballots shall be counted and certified by the Election Board. Election results shall be immediately announced.

After review, the Tribe was approved by the Secretary of Interior to conduct a Secretarial Election regarding the proposed constitutional amendments. On May 2, 2022, the Secretarial Election Committee mailed notices to all of the Tribe's enrolled members that will be 18 years or older by June 6, 2022. These notices provide instructions for voter registration and the voting process in the Secretarial Election.

**The Secretarial Election is intended for the Tribe's membership to vote on whether to pass the proposed amendments to the Tribe's Constitution. The Secretarial Election is a separate election from the Primary and General elections for office.**

Please be advised the Secretarial Election is open to all enrolled members, who will be 18 and older by June 6, 2022, regardless of residency. *See* Section X of the FSST Constitution. However, such members must still register to vote by May 13, 2022 as instructed in the Secretarial Election Notice, or be deemed ineligible to vote in this Secretarial Election only.

Based on the required timing in federal regulations, **any constitutional amendments approved through this Secretarial Election that survive challenges would not be effective until after the 2022 Primary Election. If challenged, the amendments may also not be effective until after the 2022 General Election.** We hope this message reaches you well, and appreciate your attention to this notice.