BILL NUMBER NCA 21-053

TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

May 4, 2021
(DATE OF INTRODUCTION)

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COMMITTEE: Business, Finance & Justice

CLASSIFICATION: 00- Constitution

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO ADD ARTICLE XIV INDEPENDENT FREE PRESS

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. Currently, there is no provision in the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation regarding free press.

B. An independent free press would allow the Muscogee (Creek) citizens to receive unbiased news and reports.

SECTION TWO. PURPOSE. The purpose of this law is to authorize a vote of the Muscogee (Creek) citizens to consider amending the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by adding an Article XIV “Independent Free Press.”

SECTION THREE. PROPOSED AMENDMENT. The Principal Chief shall refer to the voters of the Muscogee Creek Nation for their approval or rejection as in the manner prescribed by law, the following proposed Amendment of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by adding Article XIV Independent Free Press:

ARTICLE XIV – INDEPENDENT FREE PRESS

Section 1. The Muscogee Creek Nation shall have an Independent Press that shall be free from political interest or undue influence, harassment, censorship, control or restrictions from any department of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in order to provide unbiased news and reports objectively to the Muscogee (Creek) citizens.

Section 2. For the purpose of this legislation, Independent Press is meant to include all editorial outlets: Television, Radio and Creative.
Section 3: Editorial Board. The Independent Press shall be governed by an
independent Editorial Board. The Editorial Board alone shall have the power to hire
a Director. The Director shall oversee Mvskoke Media personnel, including hiring
staff.

Section 4: Funding. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall fund day to day operations
and publication of the Independent Press.

SECTION FOUR. BALLOT FORM. The Ballot Title for the Proposed Constitutional
Amendment as set forth in Section Three of this Act shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

National Council Referendum No. ___

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended by
adding a new Article XIV as follows:

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☐ YES, For the Amendment
☐ NO, Against the Amendment

SECTION FIVE. ELECTION. The National Council hereby requests the Principal
Chief and the Election Board to include these Constitutional Amendments on the ballot
for the Primary Election set for September 18, 2021 as required by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

SECTION SIX. APPROVAL. As provided in the Muscogee Creek Nation Constitution, Article IX, § 1(a)(2), if the above question is ratified by two-thirds of the voters in the election, the Amendment shall have full force and effect from the date of approval.