

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Amendment of Section 8 of the Act of May 27, 1908, Which Modified Section 23 of the Act of April 26, 1906, to Eliminate the Requirements Under Current Law Forcing Full Blood Members of the Five Civilized Tribes to Secure District Court Judge Approval of Last Will and Testaments, as Reflected in the Provisions of the Act of August 4, 1947, Commonly Referred to as the Stigler Act

Resolution No. 25-08



Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gary Bolton
Chief



David W. Hill
Principal Chief



Lewis J. Johnson
Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of the Five Civilized Tribes (FCT) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nation, representing approximately 877,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Act of August 4, 1947, commonly referred to as the Stigler Act directly concerns the ITC and imposes certain requirements regarding property within the jurisdictions encompassing the ITC; and

WHEREAS, the Stigler Act was amended in 2018, pursuant to Public Law 115-399- Stigler Act Amendments of 2018 primarily concerning specifications on degree of Indian blood; and

WHEREAS, the ITC has realized the need to further amend the Act of August 4, 1947, 61 Stat. 731, Sec 3 (a) which gives state court jurisdiction over probates. Under current law, Full Blood members of the FCT must have their wills approved by a district court judge; and

WHEREAS, this Stigler Act restriction, as defined in Section 23 of the Act of April 26, 1906, amended by Section 8 of the Act of May 27, 1908, is discriminating based on blood quantum alone and only applies to Full Blood members; and

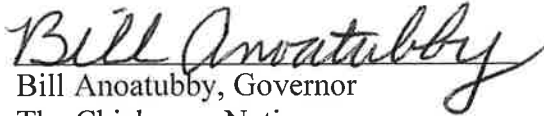
WHEREAS, the ITC wishes to continue with a working group that would propose amendments to the Stigler Act, to be presented to the ITC for consideration; and

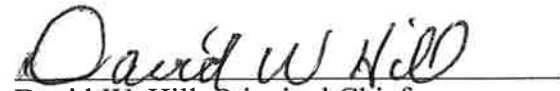
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby support the necessary amendments of Section 8 of the Act of May 27, 1908, to eliminate the requirements under current law forcing Full Blood members of the Five Civilized Tribes to secure district court judge approval of Last Will and Testaments.


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CERTIFICATION

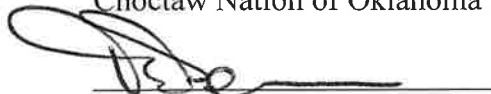
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on this 11 day of July, 2025, by a vote of 5 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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