

2017 SPECIAL ELECTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. ONCA 16-77.

- A. **Proposed Amendment:** Shall the definition of marriage in the Osage Nation Code at Chapter 2 of Title 9 on Domestic Relations be amended?
- B. **Proposed Changes to the Code:** If approved, **9 ONC § 2-101** shall be amended as follows (new language appears in ***bold italics***, removed language appears as ~~stricken~~):
- § 2-101. Definition of marriage**
- Marriage is a personal relation between ~~a man and a woman~~ ***two persons*** arising out of a civil contract to which the consent of parties legally competent of contracting and of entering into it is necessary, and the marriage relation shall only be entered into, maintained or abrogated as provided by law.
- C. **Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to protect the fundamental right to marry regardless of the genders involved in the relationship.

2. ONCR 16-41.

- A. **Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article VI, Section 24 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to add language providing for a constitutionally mandated law governing the annual budgetary and appropriation process?
- B. **Proposed Changes to the Constitution:** If approved, **Article VI – LEGISLATURE** shall be amended as follows (new language appears in ***bold italics***, removed language appears as ~~stricken~~):
- Section 24. Annual Budget:**
- The Osage Nation Congress shall enact, by law, an annual expenditure of funds which shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government for each fiscal year. ***The annual budget of the Osage Nation shall be governed by the principles of transparency and accountability, and the budgetary process encompassing those principles shall be set forth in Osage law.*** The annual budget shall not exceed projected revenues.
- C. **Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to promote transparency and accountability in the appropriation of monies and allows for a constitutionally sound budget law, which sets forth a uniform process in the consideration of the annual budget appropriation.