



Comanche Nation ELECTION OFFICE

May 30, 2019

The General Election has been rescheduled to June 29, 2019. Absentee ballots must be received by June 29, 2019. Early/In-house Voting will be on Friday June 28, 2019 at the Comanche Nation Elder's Center located at 1107 SW "H" Ave., Lawton, OK or at the Comanche Nation Complex New Conference Room, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, OK. Polling hours for Early/In-house Voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Runoff Election, if needed, will be July 27, 2019. **The deadline to request an absentee ballot, is Friday, June 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**

On May 8, 2019, Judge Vincent Knight issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the Comanche Business Committee and the Election Office from sending out ballots. Even though the ballots had already been sent out prior to the injunction, it was determined, in an abundance of caution that it was necessary to spoil the ballots in order to strictly comply with the preliminary injunction. The legal purpose of a preliminary injunction is to prevent potential future injury in a case, if the Plaintiffs' arguments prevailed, on the merits.

Ultimately, on May 22, 2019, Judge Vincent Knight reversed his preliminary injunction and dismissed the case brought by the Plaintiffs, based on the merits, after receiving briefing and hearing arguments. Ultimately, the Court decided that the Comanche Business Committee granted the due process required under the Comanche Nation Constitution. Practically speaking, this means that the election may proceed. The Election Office and the Comanche Business Committee determined that fundamental fairness required postponing the election so that those Tribal Council members that wanted to submit absentee ballots may do so in an adequate timeframe. We apologize for any confusion that this process may have caused.



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