



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

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AMENDMENT TO BOIS FORTE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL BYLAWS



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COMMENTS

Purpose & Scope of Amendment

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council (“RTC”) is considering passing a Resolution that would require any voting related to RTC salaries to occur in an open session RTC meeting to promote transparency. The proposal is also that this new open session rule could only be changed if all five RTC members agree to change it through a unanimous 5-0 vote.

The 5-0 vote proposal presents a possible conflict with the current voting rule in the Bois Forte Bylaws, which only requires a majority vote of the RTC to take action. To resolve this conflict, the RTC is considering first amending the Bylaws before taking up the Resolution. The amendment would maintain the majority vote rule for all RTC voting, but would add language that would allow the RTC to authorize a different vote requirement in a Resolution for a specific action (like, for example, a unanimous 5-0 vote in the proposal described above).

Amendment Notice

Pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws, the Reservation Tribal Council hereby authorizes the posting and publication of the following proposed amendment for public comment. The comment period shall be 30 days, commencing on November 4, 2024, and ending on December 4, 2024. All comments shall be submitted to the Reservation Tribal Council, attention Executive Assistant, Bois Forte Tribal Government, in person or via email (executiveassistant@boisforte-nsn.gov).

Amend Article II, Section 2(f) to **add the bold language below:**

The Chairperson of the Reservation Tribal Council shall:

f. vote in meetings of the Reservation Tribal Council only in case of a tie **except as otherwise provided in Article III, Section 4.**

Amend Article III, Section 4 to **add the bold language below:**

Three members of the Reservation Tribal Council shall constitute a quorum for meetings, unless membership in the Reservation Tribal Council is reduced to three or fewer members in which case a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present, and unless otherwise provided by the Revised Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe **or a duly adopted Resolution of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council**, action of the Reservation Tribal Council shall be by majority vote of those present and voting. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings to the extent such Rules are not inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Ordinance.

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