

Ho-Chunk Nation Government



Preamble

We the People, pursuant to our inherent sovereignty, in order to form a more perfect government, secure our rights, advance the general welfare, safeguard our interests, sustain our culture, promote our traditions and perpetuate our existence, and secure the natural and self-evident right to govern ourselves, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Introduction

Ho-Chunk means "People of the Big Voice" or "People of the Sacred Language." The Ho-Chunk were formally known as the Winnebago until they ratified their current Constitution in 1994.

Answers

1. "People of the Big Voice" or "People of the Sacred Language"
2. 1994
3. General Council
4. 8,000
5. Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, Wausau, La Crosse, Green Bay, and Madison
6. 13
7. 4
8. 10
9. Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Health, Social Services, Education, Labor, and Personnel
10. Supreme Court or Trial Court

Four Branches of Government

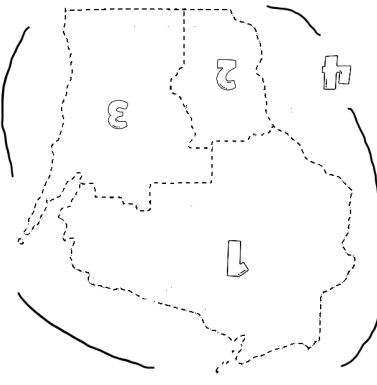


The General Council branch is the most powerful branch of the Ho-Chunk government. It is made up of all the eligible voting members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The current tribal membership is nearing 8,000. General Council meets every year, usually in the fall. At their meetings they discuss a variety of resolutions made by tribal members. Meetings of the General Council have been conducted in Wisconsin cities such as Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, Wausau, La Crosse, Green Bay, and Madison.

General Council

Legislature

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has 13 members representing four Districts. The State of Wisconsin is separated into three districts and everything outside (worldwide) of Wisconsin is known as District 4. The tribe goes through a redistricting every ten years. Maps for redistricting are proposed and voted on by eligible voting tribal members.



Color in the 4 districts!

Executive

The Ho-Chunk Nation Executive branch includes the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation and administrative departments that work for the tribal members created by the Ho-Chunk Legislature. The current administrative departments are: Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Health, Social Services, Education, Labor, and Personnel.

Judiciary

The judicial branch of the Ho-Chunk is composed of the Supreme Court and the Trial Court. The Supreme Court has one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices. The Trial Court has one Chief Judge and other Associate Judges.

Government Trivia: Time to test yourself!

See how much knowledge you remember by not looking back at the information provided. Good luck!

1. What does Ho-Chunk mean?
2. What year did the Ho-Chunk ratify their current Constitution?
3. What is the most powerful branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation?
4. How many members are the Ho-Chunk nearing in population?
5. Name a city that the Ho-Chunk have held a General Council meeting?

6. How many legislative members are there?
7. How many districts are in the Ho-Chunk Nation?
8. Complete the following: The Ho-Chunk Nation hold redistricting voting every _____ years.
9. Name an administrative department of the Ho-Chunk Nation?
10. What is a court of the Ho-Chunk judiciary?

How to make a book

Como hacer un libro

