

Band Assembly Bill XX-XX-XX-22

A Bill amending Section 4 of Title 4 of the Mille Lacs Band Statutes to ensure continuity in vital executive officer positions of Band government by providing a timeline in which the Chief Executive shall make a nomination for any vacant Commissioner position and establishing an alternative process should the Chief Executive choose not to nominate individuals to fill vacant Commissioner positions, which are responsible for overseeing numerous employees and government programs, because a full cabinet of executive officers ensures effective delivery of essential services to Band members.

The District I Representative introduced the following Bill on the X day of MONTH, 2023.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BAND ASSEMBLY OF THE NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE:

Section 1. Amending Section 4 of Title 4 of Mille Lacs Band Statutes.

§ 4. Executive Officers.

(a) **Generally.** The executive officers of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians shall consist of the Chief Executive, Commissioner of Administration, Assistant Commissioner of Administration, Commissioner of Natural Resources, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, the Commissioner of Human Services, and Commissioner of Community Development.

(b) **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in any executive officer position, the Chief Executive shall submit to the Band Assembly a nominee to serve in said position within sixty (60) calendar days of the occurrence of said vacancy.

(1) If the Chief Executive does not submit to the Band Assembly a nominee to serve in said vacant position within sixty (60) calendar days, the Band Assembly may act to fill said position by majority vote.

(2) If any nominee of the Chief Executive is not confirmed by the Band Assembly or withdraws from consideration, the Chief Executive shall have the remainder of the sixty (60) calendar days available under paragraph (1) or thirty (30) calendar days, whichever is longer, to submit to the Band Assembly a nominee to serve in said position and, if no such nomination is made within the prescribed period, the Band Assembly may act to fill said position by majority vote.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This bill shall become effective immediately upon enactment.