



# Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

## Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Revisor of Statutes

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## Status Report – February 2024

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On May 12, 2021, the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) approved Legislative Order 33-21, which adopted Rules of Procedures for Band Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 10.2 of the Rules, the Revisor of Statutes must prepare and publish a monthly Status Report during regular session of Band Assembly. Such Status Report must list all measures under consideration (including their titles and sponsors) and a history of action taken.

Number	Title	History of Action Taken
1	<p><b>Amending Title 15 – Gaming Regulatory Authority</b> <i>Sponsor: Rep. Merrill</i></p> <p><u><a href="#">Act 32-23 (VETOED)</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Act 42-23 (COMPROMISED)</a></u> (Per NIGC’s recommendation, we withdrew from consideration to amend the two definitions. This Act isn’t effective.)</p> <p><u><a href="#">Act 80-23</a></u> (Approved by NIGC on February 22, 2024.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops.</li><li>• Public comment period from December 27, 2022 – January 31.</li><li>• Sent to the Chief Executive for review on March 1, 2023.</li><li>• Placed on the agenda and tabled by the Band Assembly on April 26, 2023.</li><li>• Compromised and placed on the Band Assembly agenda and passed on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Signed by the Chief Executive on July 13, 2023.</li><li>• Sent to the Federal Government (NIGC) for their review and approval.</li><li>• Received NIGC’s comment on September 21, 2023.</li><li>• As recommended by NIGC, Letter of withdrawal from the Chief Executive sent to NIGC to implement recommended language.</li><li>• Workshops to change language per NIGC’s request.</li><li>• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on December 6, 2023.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signed by the Chief Executive on December 9, 2023.</li><li>• Sent to NIGC for their approval on December 12, 2023.</li><li>• NIGC has 90 days to review the Act.</li><li>• NIGC approved Act 80-23 on February 22, 2024.</li></ul>
2	<p><b>Enacting a Cannabis Code</b> <i>Sponsor: Rep. Merrill</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Act 03-24 (VETOED)</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Act 13-23 (COMPROMISED)</u></a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops with MLCV, OSG, Housing.</li><li>• Presented at all community meetings in July 2023.</li><li>• First public comment period from June 19 - July 10.</li><li>• Sent a letter on July 17, 2023, to the Chief Executive for review.</li><li>• Chief Executive sent comments back on July 21, 2023.</li><li>• Reviewed the Chief's comments and made changes to the bill.</li><li>• Legal review from Ziontz Chestnut in August.</li><li>• Second public comment period from October 20 – November 1.</li><li>• Letter sent on December 8, 2023, to Chief Executive to notify that the bill will be placed on the Band Assembly agenda.</li><li>• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on January 9, 2024.</li><li>• Vetoed by the Chief Executive on January 17, 2024.</li><li>• Compromise was reached during a compromise hearing held on February 9, 2024.</li><li>• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on February 15, 2024.</li><li>• Signed into law by the Chief Executive on February 18, 2024.</li></ul>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Amending Title 6</b> (to Adopt a Revised Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual to Add Dedicated Language for a Paid Parental Leave) <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind., Rep. Merrill, Rep. Davis</i>  <a href="#"><u>Act 16-24</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops.</li><li>• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on February 21, 2024.</li><li>• Signed by the Chief Executive on February 24, 2024.</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Amending Title 8 – Extended Family Visitation</b> <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops.</li><li>• Public comment period from April 12 – May 12, 2023.</li></ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Amending Title 8 – ICWA Transfers</b> <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops.</li><li>• Public comment period from March 9 – March 31.</li><li>• Reviewed comments received.</li></ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Amending Title 9 – Education Code</b> <i>Sponsor: Rep. Merrill</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshops.</li></ul>

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