



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Status Report – January 2024

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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signed by the Chief Executive on December 9, 2023.• Sent to NIGC for their approval on December 12, 2023.• NIGC has 90 days to review the Act.
2	<p>Enacting a Cannabis Code <i>Sponsor: Rep. Merrill</i></p> <p><u>Act 03-24 (VETOED)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops with MLCV, OSG, Housing.• Presented at all community meetings in July 2023.• First public comment period from June 19 - July 10.• Sent a letter on July 17, 2023, to the Chief Executive for review.• Chief Executive sent comments back on July 21, 2023.• Reviewed the Chief's comments and made changes to the bill.• Legal review from Ziontz Chestnut in August.• Second public comment period from October 20 – November 1.• Letter sent on December 8, 2023, to Chief Executive to notify that the bill will be placed on the Band Assembly agenda.• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on January 9, 2024.• Vetoed by the Chief Executive on January 17, 2024.
3	<p>Amending Title 8, section 401 (Domestic Abuse and Family or Household Members definitions) <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind.</i></p> <p><u>Act 82-23</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops.• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on December 20, 2023.• Signed by the Chief Executive on December 21, 2023.

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4	Amending Title 12, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2 (Delete outdated policy and update language) <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind.</i> <u>Act 66-23</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops• Placed on the Band Assembly agenda on October 4, 2023.• Signed by the Chief Executive on October 11, 2023.
5	Amending Title 8 – Extended Family Visitation <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops.• Public comment period from April 12 – May 12, 2023.
6	Amending Title 8 – ICWA Transfers <i>Sponsor: Rep. Wind</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops.• Public comment period from March 9 – March 31.• Reviewed comments received.
7	Amending Title 9 – Education Code <i>Sponsor: Rep. Merrill</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops.

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