

**SWO CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FORMAT
(REVISED OCTOBER 23, 2023)**

Print Name: _____	Signature: _____
Contact Number: _____	District: _____
Address: _____	
Representing: _____	

GENERAL INFORMATION

**Please Type and or handwrite neatly The Article And or Section as it Presently Reads,
The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate's Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

**Please Type and handwrite neatly, The Proposed Amendment to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate's Constitution &
By-Laws**

The Revised Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of registered voters of the Tribe (Oyate) voting in an election called for that purpose provided at least thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters shall vote in such an election.

Proposed Amendment Request

You as the author are responsible for providing the benefit and or justification for your Proposed Amendment. Please state those reasons below.

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You may attach a typed sheet of the benefits and or justification to the proposed amendment.

Dates to Remember:

December 30, 2023 at 5:00 pm – Amendments must be submitted in person to your District CRC Representative or via email to swocrc@swo-nsn.gov.

January 2 – January 16, 2024 – Proposed Amendments are submitted to SWO Legal Department for review.

January 17 – January 31, 2024 – CRC provides opportunity for individuals to correct or amend, as necessary their proposed amendments. Corrections could include for example: spelling errors, proposed amendment creates a constitutional conflict, unclear intent.

February 1 – March 31, 2024 – Proposed Amendments are submitted for review/approval to the Districts for a period of two (2) months.

April 1 – May 31, 2024 – Proposed Amendments are to be reviewed and approved/rejected by Tribal Council for the 2024 Regular Election Ballot.

June 1 – September 25, 2024 – Petition process. Proposed Amendments rejected for the 2024 Regular Election ballot may go through a petition process. Individuals who need assistance with petition format may request assistance from the CRC. The CRC however is not responsible for printing or circulating proposed amendment petitions.

September 30, 2024 – Petitions may be submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, “upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the Tribe.” Article XI – Amendments, Section I.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE APPROVED REVISION OF THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT FORMAT ON OCTOBER 23, 2023 BY MOTION NO #2.