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Election Code Amended to Avoid Veterans Day

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's (CTUIR) 2025 general election will be moved up a week to Nov. 4 after the Board of Trustees (BOT) amended the CTUIR Election Code at its May 5 meeting.

CTUIR Election Commission (EC) members made the request at an April 30 work session, stating the amendment moves the general election to the first Tuesday in November in odd-numbered years. If the change did not occur, EC members said, then this year's election to vote in BOT and General Council members would fall on Nov. 11, which is Veterans Day.

With Veterans Day being a federal holiday, absentee ballots would not be able to be picked up from post offices for the election's tally because the U.S. Postal Service would be closed, as would CTUIR offices. Absentee ballots must be received by the EC prior to the close of voting hours (8 p.m.) on the date of a general election to be counted.

EC members said making this amendment would keep the CTUIR's general election from occurring on the same day as Veterans Day not only this year but in future years.

CTUIR contract attorney Dan Hester, who attended the April 30 work session, said moving the general election from the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday in November also gives EC members more time to handle any election appeals.

Inauguration day will remain the same, which is the Wednesday after Thanksgiving in the year of a general election, according to the CTUIR Election Code.

The EC is comprised of Chairwoman Kathryn Brigham, Vice Chairwoman Delise Guerrero, Secretary Tami Rochelle and Members Aaronessa Frank, Leilani Eustaquio, Clarice Huesties, Elfrina Lubrin and Mariah Watchman.

For more information on the EC, visit [CTUIR - Election Commission](#)