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CHANGES PROPOSED TO REMOVE TIME LIMIT FOR ENROLLMENT
WITH THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, has forwarded for publication in the Federal Register proposed changes in the Code of Federal Regulations recommended by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.

Under the proposed changes, Commissioner Bruce said the time limit for filing applications for enrollment would be removed. In addition, the tenure of office for members of the Enrollment Committee would be limited to two years; the Tribal Enrollment Office, as used in the revision, would be defined; and certain eligibility requirements for persons born after August 21, 1957, would be deleted. Commissioner Bruce said the changes were recommended by the Tribal Council last February.

Publication in the Federal Register is necessary under an Interior Department policy which affords interested persons the opportunity to submit in writing comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed revisions. Such letters should be addressed to the Superintendent, Cherokee Agency, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719, within 30 days after the date of publication.

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