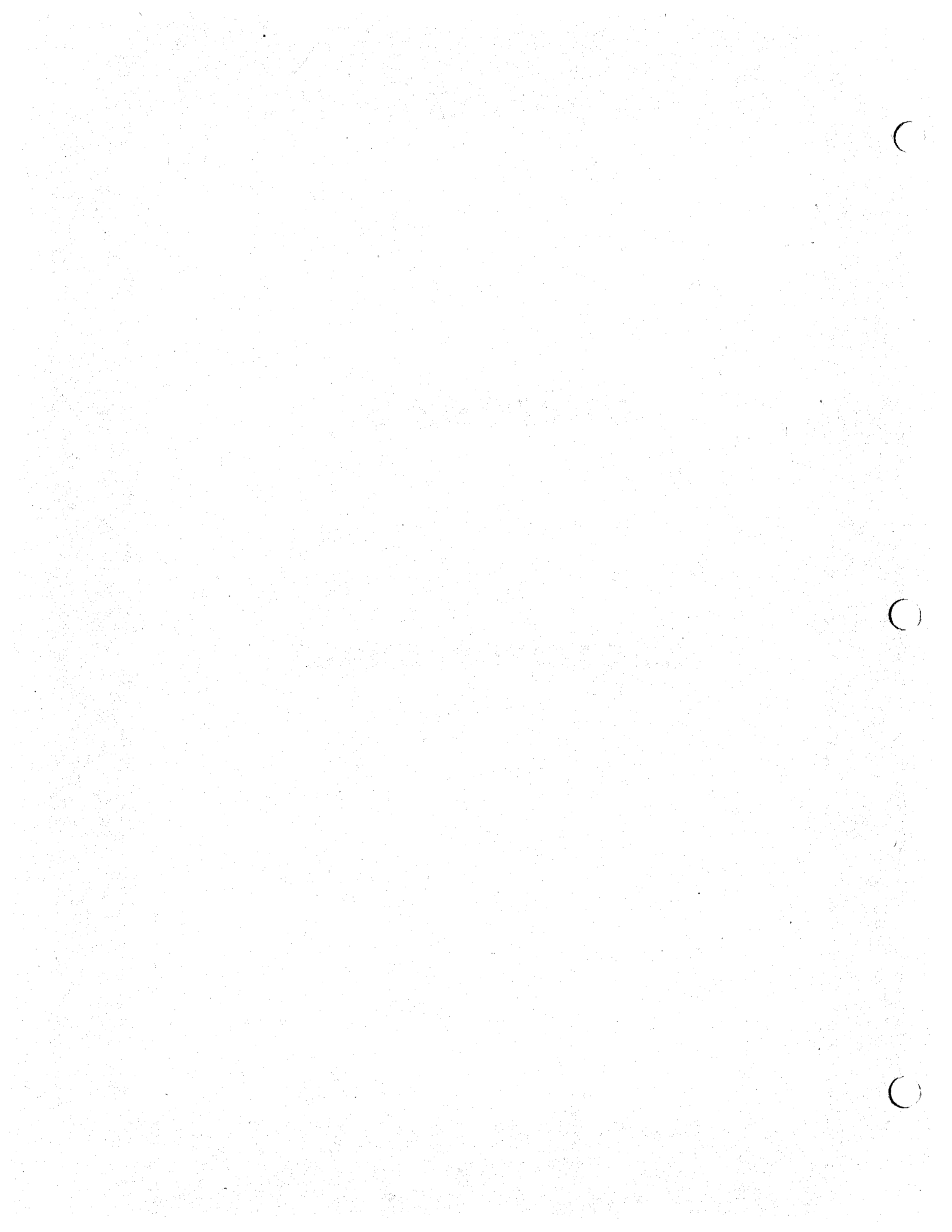




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(From the "Blue Book," former Title 22 M.R.S.A.)

#### Sec. 4793. Governor and Council

The governor, lieutenant governor and representative at the Legislature of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians shall hold office for 2 years commencing on the first day of October on the even-numbered years beginning October 1, 1968, or until their successors are elected.

The council of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians shall consist of 12 members elected for 4 years, chosen in the following manner: At the election of September 8, 1970, 12 members shall be elected to said tribal council. The 6 members receiving the highest number of votes in the 1970 election shall hold office for 4 years and the remaining 6 members shall hold office for 2 years, commencing on October 1, 1970, unless removed as provided, or resigned. In each subsequent election thereafter, 6 members of said tribe shall be elected to said tribal council and shall hold office for 4 years, commencing on the first day of October in the even-numbered years, or until their successors are elected. Biennially on the first day of October in the even-numbered years, all correspondence, records, files and other materials pertaining to Penobscot tribal government and tribal activities shall be turned over to the newly elected tribal governor by the former tribal officials.

The governor shall preside over all meetings of the council and be a member *ex officio*. In the absence of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall preside. Seven members of said council shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the tribe and exercising its powers and for all other purposes, notwithstanding the existence of any vacancies. Tribal council members who are not in attendance at 3 successive tribal council meetings, or at 5 tribal council meetings during a 12-month period, shall be removed from said council by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. Each council member must be given at least 24 hours advance notice of said meeting by the governor. The governor may excuse tribal council members from attendance at tribal council meetings in advance of such meetings for health or other personal reasons. No member of the council shall be liable to answer for anything spoken in debate at any council meeting.

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the office of governor, lieutenant governor, council and representative at the Legislature, there shall be a special election called by the commissions within 60 days to fill such vacancy. The governor, lieutenant governor, council and representative at the Legislature may be removed from office by a petition showing charges and signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least a majority of the number of votes cast for tribal governor at the next preceding tribal election, and the petition is presented in writing to the governor, lieutenant governor, council and representative at the Legislature in a formal hearing called by commissioner, and thereupon such petition shall be acted upon, provided that a majority of the persons legally represented to vote at the next preceding tribal election are present.

The tribal governor shall call a general meeting of the tribe for the purpose of affirming or rejecting legislative proposals prepared by the tribal governor and council for submission to the State Legislature. Notice of the time and place of the general meeting shall be posted 7 or more days before said meeting day at the office of the tribal governor and one conspicuous place on Old Town Island. Legislative proposals that have received an affirmative vote of a majority of those present and voting in the general meeting of the tribe shall be given to the tribal representative of the State Legislature for submission of the State legislature. No private organization, church organization, state department, civic group or individual shall submit legislation directly affecting the Penobscot or Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians to the legislature without first meeting and conferring with the respective tribal governor and council.