

b. Each Judge of the Tribal Court shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and shall be eligible for reappointment to successive terms of two (2) years each. A person appointed to fill an existing vacancy created by the death, resignation or removal for cause of a judge shall be appointed initially only for the unexpired portion of the term for which the appointment is made, subject to eligibility for reappointment for the next full term. The first term of the initial judges of the Tribal Court shall commence on the date on which the Code becomes effective, and those terms shall expire two (2) years thereafter. All ~~subsequent terms of~~ judges ~~subsequently appointed to hold office as a judge of the Tribal Court shall expire on the first day of the same month biannually thereafter~~ hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed. If the number of Associate Judges is increased pursuant to an ordinance, those judges appointed under that ordinance shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed. ~~to be effective on some date other than the commencement of judicial terms as prescribed by this Code, the additional offices shall be filled by initial appointments as though they were vacancies, for the period of time prior to the commencement of the next full judicial term.~~ Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tribal Council may temporarily appoint any individual, otherwise eligible to serve as a judge under this Code, as a Chief Judge or Associate Judge of the Tribal Court, for a period of time not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days where any emergency situation exists necessitating the appointment of a Tribal Court judge for an interim period to maintain and conduct Tribal Court operations.