

Act 87-22

An Act amending Title 25 to allow the Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance to redact documents published on the Tribal Register that contain financial and proprietary information about Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures and the Band. This bill also creates a public-facing Tribal Register and a private-facing Tribal Register in order to limit the documents available to the general public, with the intent that Band members, first-generation descendants of enrolled Band members, Band employees, and those who require access to the Tribal Register to fulfill their professional responsibilities to the Band or Band members, may request access to the private-facing webpage.

The District I Representative, District II Representative, and District III Representative introduced the following Bill on the 2nd day of November, 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BAND ASSEMBLY OF THE NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE:

Section 1. Amending 25 MLBS §8.

No later than January 15 of each year, the Revisor shall publish on the private-facing Tribal Register, for the previous two legislative sessions, in a publication called “Official Acts of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe”:

- (a) Executive Orders;
- (b) Secretarial Orders;
- (c) Commissioner’s Orders;
- (d) Legislative Orders;
- (e) Chief Justice Orders;
- (f) Solicitor’s Opinions;
- (g) acts;
- (h) resolutions; and
- (i) any new or revised department policy.

Section 2. Amending 25 MLBS §15(a).

(a) **Public cContent.** The Revisor shall publish an online, public Tribal Register containing:

(1) Band statutes;

~~(2) Executive Orders;~~

~~(3) Secretarial Orders;~~

~~(4) Commissioner's Orders;~~

~~(5) Legislative Orders;~~

~~(6) Chief Justice Orders;~~

~~(7)~~(2) Solicitor's Opinions;

~~(8) Court rules;~~

~~(9)~~(3) department policies; and

~~(10) acts;~~

~~(11)~~(4) resolutions; and

~~(12)~~(5) notice of any comment period pertaining to statutory revisions.

Section 3. Amending 25 MLBS §15 to add a new subsection.

(a) **Privileged content.** The Revisor shall publish an online, private Tribal Register, which shall be available at all times to enrolled Band members, first-generation descendants of enrolled Band members, Band employees, and any individual who requires access to its contents to fulfill her or his professional responsibilities to the Band or Band members, containing:

(1) Band statutes;

(2) Executive Orders;

(3) Secretarial Orders;

(4) Commissioner's Orders;

- (5) Legislative Orders;
- (6) Chief Justice Orders;
- (7) Solicitor's Opinions;
- (8) Court rules;
- (9) department policies;
- (10) acts;
- (11) resolutions; and
- (12) notice of any comment period pertaining to statutory revisions.

Section 4. Amending 25 MLBS §15 to add a new subsection.

(a) Privileged content access.

- (1) **Band members.** Enrolled Band members shall have immediate access to the private-facing Tribal Register.
- (2) **Band employees.** Band employees shall have immediate access to the private-facing Tribal Register during all times of their employment with the Band.
- (3) **Band descendants and those with professional responsibilities.** Upon request, Government Affairs shall provide access to the private-facing Tribal Register to first-generation descendants of enrolled Band members and any individual who requires access to its contents to fulfill her or his professional responsibilities to the Band or Band members. Such access must be provided within two (2) business days.

Section 5. Amending 25 MLBS §16.

§ 16. Financial and Proprietary Information.

- (a) **Public.** The Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance may, in consultation with each other, redact any documents published on the public-facing Tribal Register that contain financial and proprietary information about Mille Laes Corporate Ventures. Financial and proprietary information includes, but is not limited to, revenues, expenses, profits, capital re-investment, equipment and software purchases,

and any percentage calculations. ~~Any information redacted under this section may be provided to enrolled members of the Band upon the filing of a request with the Secretary-Treasurer or Commissioner of Finance.~~

- (b) **Privileged.** The Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance may, in consultation with each other, redact any documents published on the private-facing Tribal Register that contain financial and proprietary information about Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. Financial and proprietary information includes, but is not limited to, revenues, expenses, profits, capital re-investment, equipment and software purchases, and any percentage calculations. Any information redacted under this section may be provided for viewing to enrolled members of the Band upon the filing of a written request with the Secretary-Treasurer or Commissioner of Finance.

Effective Date. This bill shall become effective on June 2, 2023.

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(Band Assembly Bill 20-02-87-22)

Introduced to the Band Assembly on this
Second day of November in the year
Two thousand twenty-two.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this
Second day of November in the year
Two thousand twenty-two.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED

Date: November 3, 2022


Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

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