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Committee: Selecting And Appointing The Health, Education And Human Services  
Committee Representatives To The NAABIK'IYATI' Committee Title II Reform  
Subcommittee

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
Tracking No. 0071-19

**DATE:** March 20, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE: SELECTING AND APPOINTING THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

**PURPOSE:** Selecting and appointing the Health, Education and Human Services Committee representatives to the Naabik'iyati' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.**

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY



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AN ACTION

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SELECTING AND APPOINTING THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMANN  
SERVICES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400 (A).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee through Resolution NABIF-9-15, on February 19, 2015. See Exhibit A.

B. The Title II Reform Subcommittee is to be composed of two members from each Navajo Nation Standing Committee. See Exhibit A, Section Two (B).

**SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council Nation hereby selects and appoints Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ and Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.



NABIF-9-15

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23<sup>RD</sup> Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such Naabik'íyáti' Committee's purpose is "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations". 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. As the result of issues and concerns encountered by the 22nd Navajo Nation Council related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and concerns carrying over to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council; it is recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Two, as it relates to legislative matters, receive a comprehensive evaluation and dependent on the evaluation's outcome, recommended changes be provided to the Navajo Nation Council.
- C. Naabik'íyáti' Committee may establish the Title Two Reform subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

Section Two. Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee  
Establishment



- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation Council, if any, regarding the following:
1. Title 2, Section 164 legislative process; and,
  2. Related to standing committee structure and authority: increasing the number of committees from the current four standing committee structure to address the needs of the Navajo Nation; addressing the quorum requirements of committees; setting committee meeting schedules to allow time to respond to constituent concerns; evaluating restrictions on Delegates to be on only one committee in light of potential increase in number of committees; evaluating recommendation delegation to programs and divisions; and other recommendations to the committee structure and authority that would provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo People; and,
  3. Identify internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two members from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten members. Each Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two of their members to be on the Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the respective committees shall notify the Speaker of the Navajo Nation by letter.
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- D. The chairperson shall e-mail the Navajo Nation Council Delegates the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going Title Two drafts.
- E. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.

- F. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by its Spring Session and shall present a final version for consideration by Summer Session of the Navajo Nation Council.

**Section Three. Subcommittee Term**

The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.

**Section Four. Directives**

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's Summer Session to update the Delegates.

**CERTIFICATION**

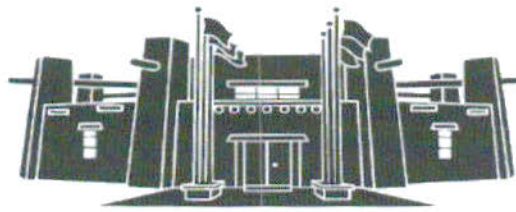
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 16 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 Abstain this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2015.



Honorable Lorenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

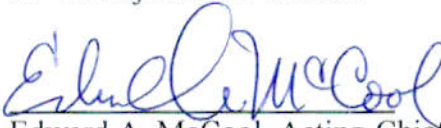
Motion: Honorable Benjamin L. Bennett  
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.





**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Edward A. McCool, Acting-Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** March 20, 2019

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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§500, 501. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.