LEGISLATION NO: 0267-19                     SPONSOR: Jamie Henio

TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Resources And Development, Budget And Finance, NAABIK’IYATI’ Committees And Navajo Nation Council; Amending 12 N.N.C. § 820 (O), Distributions To Chapters

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DATE: September 4, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: A PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 12 N.N.C. § 820 (O), DISTRIBUTIONS TO CHAPTERS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution, if passed, is to approve amendments to the Navajo Nation Code, Title 12, Section 820(O), to provide chapter official stipends on an equal basis to all 110 chapter's officials regardless of the percentage of registered voters in the chapter.

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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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TRACKING NO.

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Authority

A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14).

B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council serves as the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation chapters. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).

C. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to coordinate and review all fiscal, financial and investment activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(5).
D. The Naabik'iyati' Committee considers proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).

E. The Navajo Nation Council approves enactments and amendments of positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A).

Section 2. Findings

A. Navajo Nation Chapter Officials for all one hundred and ten (110) chapters perform valuable functions for local government. This proposed amendment would explicitly state that the Navajo Nation Overall Budget Policy is to provide chapter official stipends on an equal basis to all 110 chapter’s officials regardless of the percentage of registered voters in the chapter.

B. The Resolution of the Commission on Navajo Government Development supporting the proposed amendment is attached as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Amendments to Title 12 of the Navajo Nation Code

The Navajo Nation hereby approves amendments to the Navajo Nation Code, Title 12, Section 820(O), as follows:

NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED
TITLE 12. FISCAL MATTERS
CHAPTER 7. APPROPRIATIONS

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§820. Overall Budget Policies

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O. Where not otherwise prohibited by existing law, any appropriation intended for distribution to all chapters of the Navajo Nation shall be as follows: fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally among all chapters and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided proportionately among the chapters.
using a percentage equal to that figure which the number of registered voters in each chapter bears to the whole of registered Navajo Nation voters as determined by the most current voter registration figures available as of the date of the appropriation, except that appropriations for chapter official stipends shall be equally divided equally among all the chapters regardless of the percentage of registered voters in the chapter.

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Section 4. Effective Date
The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.

Section 5. Codification
The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

Section 6. Saving Clause
Should any portion of the amendment enacted herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Court of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.