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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0074-20

DATE: March 26, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES: APPROVING 2020-2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

PURPOSE: This bill will approve the 2020-2024 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose

1. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Among various responsibilities, it approves apportionment plans for school boards for use in elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. § 11. The Election Code provides:

"On or before the first Monday of November 2003 and every four years thereafter, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall set the size of each Local Community School Board and shall apportion the number of school board seats among the Chapter or Chapters represented in each Local Community School Board. This apportionment shall establish election precincts for each Local Community School Board containing approximately equal numbers of students attending the Local Community School at the time of the apportionment. The Health, Education and Human Services
Committee, for purposes of public comment or collecting data, may extend the
time for approval of an apportionment plan. Should an extension be ordered, the
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if necessary, the opening filing
period for elective school board positions." 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

2. For purposes of public hearings, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee on
February 16, 2020 approved possible apportionment plans as options. Thereafter, with the
assistance of Navajo Department of Diné Education, public notices were provided, and hearings
were conducted in the five agencies of the Navajo Nation as follows: 'To'Nanees'Dizi Chapter
on February 24, 2020; Chinle Chapter on February 25, 2020; Shiprock Chapter on February
26, 2020; Crownpoint Chapter on February 27, 2020; and at the Fort Defiance Chapter on
February 27, 2020. See attached Exhibit B.

Section 2. Adopting 2020-2024 School Apportionment Plan
1. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
hereby approves the 2020-2024 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan, attached as
Exhibit "A."

2. The Navajo Election Administration and the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall
use the apportionment plan adopted herein for use in the 2020 Navajo Nation Chapter Elections.

Section 3. Savings Clause

Should any portion of this action of the vision of the Health, Education and Human
Services Committee or any portion of the apportionment plan adopted herein be determined
invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without
appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions the action or apportionment plan
which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.