Navajo Nation
Legislative Process Policy

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### INITIATING / DRAFTING LEGISLATION

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<tr>
<td>Initiate legislation sponsorship.</td>
<td>COUNCIL DELEGATE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Delegate submits an Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) Service Request Form to OLC to draft proposed legislation; form is provided by OLC.</td>
<td>COUNCIL DELEGATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research for legal sufficiency (federal, state, county, and tribal laws).</td>
<td>OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Draft proposed legislation in a properly codified format.</td>
<td>OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reviews and accepts drafted proposed legislation.</td>
<td>COUNCIL DELEGATE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Delegate signs original proposed legislation.</td>
<td>COUNCIL DELEGATE</td>
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STEP ONE: INITIATING / DRAFTING LEGISLATION

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
- Council Delegate
- Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC)
- OLC Chief Legislative Counsel
- OLC Attorney

LEGEND:
- Start / End
- Data
- Process
- Decision
- Document
- Delay
STEP ONE: INITIATING / DRAFTING LEGISLATION (CONT'D)

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Council Delegate
Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC)
OLC Chief Legislative Counsel
OLC Attorney

LEGEND:
○ Start / End
□ Data
□ Process
◇ Decision
□ Document
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### STEP TWO: OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES LEGISLATION INTAKE AND REVIEW

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<tr>
<td>Sponsoring Delegate submits proposed legislation, with original signature, to OLS Director or OLS Tracking Section (designee).</td>
<td>OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR or OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLS Reviewers review legislation. Should document have discrepancies, legislation will be referred back to OLC.</td>
<td>OLS REVIEWERS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronically deliver legislation to Office of the Speaker</td>
<td>OLS REVIEWERS</td>
</tr>
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STEP TWO: OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES LEGISLATION INTAKE AND REVIEW

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Executive Director
OLS Tracking Section
OLS Reviewers

LEGEND:
Start / End
Data
Process
Decision
Document
Delay
### STEP THREE: OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REVIEW

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<tr>
<td>Office of the Speaker receives legislation electronically.</td>
<td>OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER</td>
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<tr>
<td>Speaker or designee reviews legislation and finalize committee assignment.</td>
<td>OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return legislation electronically to OLS.</td>
<td>OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER</td>
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STEP THREE: OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER REVIEW

Office of the Speaker

Receives Legislation Electronically

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Office of the Speaker

Reviews Legislation & Finalize Committee Assignment

YES

DiBB

Office of the Speaker

Returns Legislation Electronically to OLS

DiBB

NO

Work with OLC and/or OLS

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Office of the Speaker

LEGEND:

- Start / End
- Data
- Process
- Decision
- Document
- Delay

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### STEP FOUR: INITIATE LEGISLATION PUBLIC COMMENT

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<tr>
<th>TASKS</th>
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<tr>
<td>OLS Tracking Section emails Legislative Information Technology for posting of legislation to website.</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legislative Information Technology creates Internet Public Review Publication form.</td>
<td>LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legislative Information Technology posts legislation to website: <a href="http://www.navajonationcouncil.org">www.navajonationcouncil.org</a></td>
<td>LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legislative Information Technology sends confirmation email to OLS and Office of the Speaker reviewers.</td>
<td>LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</td>
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**LEGISLATION ON FIVE DAY HOLD**

*Five day hold period begins the day after posting legislation on the website.*
STEP FOUR: INITIATE LEGISLATION PUBLIC COMMENT

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
OLS Tracking Section
Legislative IT

LEGEND:
Start / End
Data
Process
Decision
Document
Delay

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STEP FOUR: INITIATE LEGISLATION PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTD)

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
OLS Tracking Section
Legislative IT

LEGEND:

Send Confirmation Email to OLS & Speaker Reviewers

Legislative IT

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Start / End Data
Process Decision
Document Delay

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## STEP FIVE: DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION

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<tr>
<td>OLS Tracking Section, by email, confirms to Executive Director or designee the posting of the complete legislation onto DIBB.</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLS Director or Designee sends email informing the Office of the President, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Controller, Office of Management and Budget and all Executive Branch Directors of newly introduced legislations.*</td>
<td>OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Any exhibits or materials determined by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to be confidential shall be properly marked “confidential” and shall not be placed on the website or otherwise released.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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*Function delegated to Office of Legislative Services by Office of the Speaker
STEP FIVE: DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
OLS Tracking Section
Executive Director

LEGEND:
- Start / End
- Data
- Process
- Decision
- Document
- Delay
## STEP SIX: PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW

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<td>Digital comments may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov">comments@navajo-nsn.gov</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Written comments may be mailed to:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executive Director, Office of Legislative Services, P.O. Box 3390,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Window Rock, AZ 86515</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fax #: (928) 871-7259</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At the conclusion of the five (5) day comment period, OLS will</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>compile comments submitted and prepare comment review sheet.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLS Executive Director or Policy Analyst signs the comment review</td>
<td>OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>report.</td>
<td>DIRECTOR or OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tracking Section attaches the Internet Public Review Publication &amp;</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summary to the legislation.</td>
<td></td>
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STEP SIX: PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
OLS Tracking Section
Executive Director
Policy Analyst

LEGEND:
- Start / End
- Data
- Process
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**STEP SEVEN: STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRAL(S)**

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<td>OLS Tracking Section refers legislation to Legislative Advisement, Legislative Reporter, Committee Chairperson, and Sponsor. *</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
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<td>Legislative Advisor, in consultation with Committee Chairperson and Sponsor, places legislation on the committee agenda.</td>
<td>OLS LEGISLATIVE ADVISEMENT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standing Committee convenes and takes action on legislation.</td>
<td>STANDING COMMITTEE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upon committee action, <em>if not final authority</em>, Legislative Reporter drafts Committee Report with approved amendments and/or failed amendments. Legislative Advisor reviews Committee Report. Documentation shall be completed within five (5) calendar days. OR Upon committee action, <em>if final authority</em>, Legislative Reporter drafts Resolution incorporating amendment(s) or if legislation fails, Legislative Reporter drafts Committee Report documenting amendment(s). Legislative Advisor reviews and finalizes Resolution or Committee Report. Documentation shall be completed within five (5) calendar days. Note: If any, directives are issued, directive(s) shall be memorialized in writing to Office of the President and the appropriate Division Director within three (3) calendar days.</td>
<td>LEGISLATIVE REPORTER and LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Committee Report(s), resolution(s), and directive(s) are finalized with Committee Chairperson signature.</td>
<td>STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON</td>
</tr>
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*DEPENDING ON LEGISLATION, ASSIGNMENT MAY BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES (Budget and Finance; Health, Education and Human Services; Law and Order; Naabik’íyáti’; Resources and Development).*
STEP SEVEN: STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRAL(S)

Responds to OLS Advisement

OLS Tracking Section

Refers Legislation to OLS Advisement

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OLS Advisement

Place Legislation on Committee Agenda

Standing Committee

Committee Takes Action

Not Final Authority – Pass or Fail

Final Authority – Pass

Final Authority – Fail

Refer

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Directive(s)

LEGEND:

Start / End

Data

Process

Decision

Document

Delay

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

OLS Tracking Section

OLS Advisement

Standing Committee

Naabik’íyáti’ Committee Only

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RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
OLS Tracking Section
OLS Advisement

LEGEND:
Start / End  Data  Process  Decision  Document  Delay

Final Authority – Pass
Not Final Authority – Pass or Fail
Final Authority – Fail
Refer
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Directive(s)

OLS Advisement
Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Receives Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Refer to Next Committee
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OLS Advisement
Resolution
OLS Tracking Section
Receives Resolution
OLS Tracking Section
Document Disposition
DiBB

OLS Advisement
Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Receives Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Document Disposition
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OLS Advisement
Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Receives Committee Report
Standing Committee
Hold

OLS Advisement
Committee Report
OLS Tracking Section
Receives Committee Report
Standing Committee
Hold

OLS Advisement
Generate Directive Letter
OLS Tracking Section
Directives Distribution

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<td>OLS Tracking Section refers legislation to Navajo Nation Council.</td>
<td>OLS TRACKING SECTION</td>
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<td>Navajo Nation Council convenes and takes action on legislation.</td>
<td>NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If legislation does not receive sufficient votes for passage, legislation shall be deemed permanently eliminated.</td>
<td>NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OR</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If legislation passes, resolution will be signed by the Speaker or referred to the President of the Navajo Nation.</td>
<td>NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL</td>
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STEP EIGHT: NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REFERRAL

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

OLS Tracking Section  OLC Legislative Counsel
Executive Director     President
Speaker               Office Legislative Counsel (OLC)
Council

LEGEND:

- Start / End
- Data
- Process
- Decision
- Document
- Delay

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Refer Legislation to Council

Executive Director / Speaker

Place Legislation on Council Agenda

Takes Action

Council

Refer

Council

Fail

Council

Approve

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**LEGEND:**
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- Process
- Decision
- Document
- Delay

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