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

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0267-19

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 9-11-19

Website Posting Time/Date: _____

Posting End Date: 9-11-19

Eligible for Action: 9-12-19

Law & Order Committee

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Resources & Development Committee

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Budget & Finance Committee

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

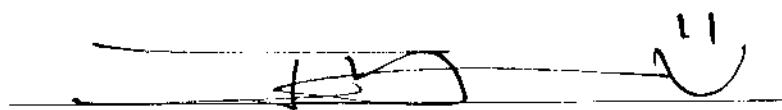
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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TRACKING NO.

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

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).

1 D. The Naabik'iyati' Committee considers proposed resolutions that require
2 final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).

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

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6 **Section 2. Findings**

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

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

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

16 The Navajo Nation hereby approves amendments to the Navajo Nation Code, Title
17 12, Section 820(O), as follows:

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20 **NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED**
21 **TITLE 12. FISCAL MATTERS**
22 **CHAPTER 7. APPROPRIATIONS**
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25 **§820. Overall Budget Policies**

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27 O. Where not otherwise prohibited by existing law, any appropriation intended for
28 distribution to all chapters of the Navajo Nation shall be as follows: fifty percent
29 (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally among all chapters and the
30 remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided proportionately among the chapters

1 using a percentage equal to that figure which the number of registered voters in each
2 chapter bears to the whole of registered Navajo Nation voters as determined by the
3 most current voter registration figures available as of the date of the appropriation,
4 except that appropriations for chapter official stipends shall be equally divided
5 equally among all the chapters regardless of the percentage of registered voters in the
6 chapter.

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10 **Section 4. Effective Date**

11 The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.
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13 **Section 5. Codification**

14 The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation
15 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of
16 Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next
17 codification of the Navajo Nation Code.
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19 **Section 6. Saving Clause**

20 Should any portion of the amendment enacted herein be determined invalid by the
21 Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Court of the Navajo Nation, without
22 appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions not determined invalid
23 shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.
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