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TITLE: An Action Relating to an Emergency for the Navajo Nation; Opposing Arizona Senate Bills 1485, "An Act Amending Sections 16-168, 16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 and 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes Relating to Elections"; Urging Governor Doug Ducey to Veto the Bill

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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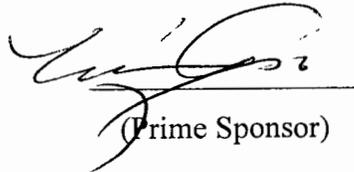
TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; OPPOSING ARIZONA SENATE BILLS 1485, “AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-168, 16-16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 AND 16-544, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO ELECTIONS”; URGING GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY TO VETO THE BILL

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, would oppose Arizona Senate Bills “AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-168, 16-16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 AND 16-544, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO ELECTIONS.” Essentially, the bill if signed into law, will remove voters from early voter lists for not voting early in two consecutive elections. The resolution would urge Governor Doug Ducey to veto the bill.

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 -- Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; OPPOSING ARIZONA SENATE BILLS 1485, "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-168, 16-16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 AND 16-544, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO ELECTIONS"; URGING GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY TO VETO THE BILL

WHEREAS:

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164 (A)(16) "[m]atters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, and disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council."

B. Any proposed state action designed to purposely infringe basic rights under federal law, such as the right to vote, constitutes an emergency for the Navajo Nation.

C. Arizona Senate Bill 1485 is entitled "An Act Amending Sections 16-168, 16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 and 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Elections." See attached as **EXHIBIT A**. This bill, if signed into law, will remove from the state's early voter list those persons who did not vote early in the last two consecutive elections. It will take away the early mail-in voting option for many voters who otherwise are not able to

1 vote in person, such as the elderly, the disabled, those who cannot take time off their jobs
2 to vote and others. Arizona Senate Bill 1485 serves no purpose other than to disenfranchise
3 voters lawfully entitled to vote.
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5 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

6 The Navajo Nation hereby OPPOSES Arizona Senate Bill 1485, "An Act Amending
7 Sections 16-168, 16-245, 16-411, 16-461, 16-510 and 16-544, Arizona Revised Statutes;
8 Relating to Elections." See attached as **EXHIBIT A**. The Navajo Nation strongly urges
9 that Governor Doug Ducey veto Arizona Senate Bill 1485.
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