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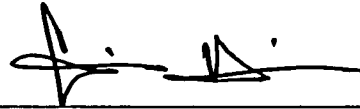
TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;
ESTABLISHING THE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO
REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will establish the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee for the 25th Navajo Nation Council.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2023

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12 NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

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14 BE IT ENACTED:

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16 SECTION ONE. FINDINGS

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
18 Council standing committee with oversight over the Legislative Branch and the
19 responsibility and purpose "to provide for the compilation and publication of all
20 Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations". 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-
21 45-12.
- 22 B. As the result of issues and concerns encountered by the 22nd Navajo Nation Council
23 related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and
24 concerns carrying over to the 23rd and 24th Navajo Nation Councils, it is
25 recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Two, as it relates to legislative
26 matters, receive a comprehensive evaluation and dependent on the evaluation's
27 outcome, recommended changes be provided to the Navajo Nation Council.
- 28 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is authorized to establish the Title Two Reform
29 subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2
30 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

1 D. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate
2 its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to
3 appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
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5 **SECTION TWO. NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE**
6 **ESTABLISHMENT**

7 A. The 25th Navajo Nation Council establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform
8 Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation
9 Council, if any, regarding the following:

- 10 1. Title 2, Section 164 legislative process;
- 11 2. Navajo Nation Council and Standing Committee Rules of Order;
- 12 3. Matters concerning standing committee structure and authority: increasing or
13 decreasing the number of committees from the current four standing
14 committee structure to address the needs of the Navajo Nation; addressing the
15 quorum requirements of committees; setting committee meeting schedules to
16 allow time to respond to constituent concerns; evaluating restrictions on
17 Delegates to be on only one committee in light of potential increase in number
18 of committees; evaluating recommendation delegation to programs and
19 divisions; and other recommendations to the committee structure and
20 authority that would provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo
21 People; and
- 22 4. Internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.

23 B. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two (2) members
24 from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten (10) members. Each
25 Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two (2) of their members to be on the
26 Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chairperson or Vice-
27 Chairperson of the respective committees shall provide the Speaker of the Navajo
28 Nation written notice of their committee's selections.

29 C. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall select a chairperson and
30 vice-chairperson by majority vote at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-

1 chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by
2 majority vote.

3 D. The Chairperson shall e-mail the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going
4 Title Two drafts to all 25th Navajo Nation Council members.

5 E. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting
6 day(s) of the month.

7 F. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft
8 recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by the 2023 Fall Session and shall
9 present a final version for consideration by the 2024 Winter Session of the Navajo
10 Nation Council.

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12 **SECTION THREE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM**

13 The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks
14 are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2
15 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

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17 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

18 A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti'
19 Title Two Reform Subcommittee.

20 B. The Office of Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of
21 Legislative Services staff to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.

22 C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the respective
23 funds.

24 D. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two
25 weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's 2023 Fall Session to update the Delegates
26 on the Subcommittee's work.