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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Extending Approval Date for the 2024-2028 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0218-23

DATE: August 30, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2024-2028 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

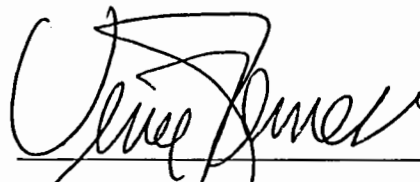
PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve an extension of time to complete the school board apportionment process for 2024-2028.

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.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

INTRODUCED BY



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AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING
APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2024-2028 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD
APPORTIONMENT PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation Election Code empowers the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to establish apportionment plans for school boards for use in Navajo Nation Chapter Elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).
- C. The Navajo Nation Election Code provides, “[o]n 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.” 11 N.N.C. §11(B).

1 D. The Navajo Nation Election Code further provides that “[t]he Health, Education and
2 Human Services Committee, for purposes of public comment or collecting data, may
3 extend the time for approval of an apportionment plan. Should an extension be ordered,
4 the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if necessary, the opening filing
5 period for elective school board positions.” 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

6 E. The Navajo Nation Council permitted the Health, Education and Human Services
7 committee “for the purposes of public comment or collecting data” to extend the time for
8 approval of an apportionment plan. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B). Furthermore, “[s]hould an
9 extension be ordered, the Navajo Nation Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if
10 necessary, the opening filing period for elective school board positions. 11 N.N.C. §
11 11(B).

12 13 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

14 A. In accordance with the Navajo Nation Election Code, the 2024-2028 Apportionment
15 Plan for local community school boards must be approved no later than November 6,
16 2023. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

17 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has determined additional
18 time will be necessary to collect data and obtain public comment for the upcoming
19 reapportionment cycle.

20 C. Once adopted, will be effective for the 2024-2028 terms of office for all elective
21 school board positions under the Navajo Election Code.

22 23 **SECTION THREE. EXTENDING TIME FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD** 24 **APPORTIONMENT PLAN**

25 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee extends the date for the
26 approval of the Navajo Nation 2024-2028 School Board Apportionment Plan in
27 accordance with 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

28 B. Consistent with all other requirements of the Navajo Nation Election Code, the
29 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan for 2020-2024 shall be approved
30 no later than March 25, 2024.