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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Temporarily Waiving 11 N.N.C. § 9; Approving an Extension to Complete the Apportionment Plan Required Under 11 N.N.C. § 9

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0100-25

DATE: May 14, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; TEMPORARILY WAIVING 11 N.N.C. § 9; APPROVING AN EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE APPORTIONMENT PLAN REQUIRED UNDER 11 N.N.C. § 9

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution will temporarily waive 11 N.N.C. § 9 until January 31, 2026, and provide an extension to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to complete the required apportionment plan on or before January 12, 2026.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

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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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0100-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; TEMPORARILY WAIVING 11 N.N.C. § 9; APPROVING AN
EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE APPORTIONMENT PLAN REQUIRED
UNDER 11 N.N.C. § 9

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Naabik'iyáti Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority to review and recommend resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A); 701(A)(3).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors is empowered to “administer, implements, and enforce the Navajo Election Code.” 11 N.N.C 321 (A)(1).
- B. Among other powers and duties, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors is charged with “develop[ing] and recommend[ing] to the Navajo Nation Council all apportionment plans for election purposes, with the exception of school board apportionment plans, which shall be developed and adopted by the Education

1 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for use in school board elections. 11 N.N.C.
2 § 321 (A)(8).

3 C. "On or before the first Monday of May, 1975, and every 10 years thereafter, the Navajo
4 Nation Council, with the recommendation of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors,
5 shall designate the number and location of precincts. All such precincts shall be
6 approximately equal in population." 11 N.N.C. § 9.

7 D. Based on 11 N.N.C. § 9, a new apportionment plan is required on or before May 6,
8 2025. However, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors does not anticipate that a
9 new apportionment plan will be completed by that time and requests an extension to
10 January 2026 which will be prior to the start of the candidacy filing period for the 2026
11 Navajo Nation General Elections. *See* Navajo Board of Election Supervisors
12 Resolution No. BOESMA-22-25 attached as **Exhibit A**.

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14 **SECTION THREE. TEMPORARILY WAIVING 11 N.N.C. § 9 AND APPROVING**
15 **AN EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED APPORTIONMENT PLAN**

16 The Navajo Nation hereby temporarily waives 11 N.N.C. § 9 until January 31, 2026, and
17 approves an extension to the Board of Election Supervisors to complete the required
18 apportionment plan on or before January 12, 2026.

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20 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION**
21 **SUPERVISORS**

22 The Navajo Nation hereby directs the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to provide
23 updates regarding the status of completing the apportionment plan to the Naabik'íyáti
24 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council during a regularly scheduled Naabik'íyáti
25 Committee Meeting in months of August 2025 and December 2025.