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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Power of the Navajo Nation Council to Confirm all Division Directors by Amending 2 N.N.C. § 102 (F)**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0004-26

**DATE:** January 13, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE POWER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO CONFIRM ALL DIVISION DIRECTORS BY AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 102(F)**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would amend the power of the Navajo Nation Council to confirm all Division Directors by amending 2 N.N.C. § 102(F).

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIRED:** 2/3 Majority Vote

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:                       
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Law & Order Committee  
Thence  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR, 2026

Introduced By:

(Prime Sponsor)

                     (Rick Nez)

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES,  
AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE POWER OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO CONFIRM ALL DIVISION DIRECTORS BY  
AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 102(F)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 164(A)(9).
- C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B)(14).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 102(F), the Navajo Nation Council has the power to “confirm the

1 appointments of all division directors upon recommendation from the appropriate  
2 oversight committee. The President shall present the appointment at the next Navajo  
3 Nation Council session following the date the appointments are made.”

4 B. There is a need to amend 2 N.N.C. § 102(F), the power of the Navajo Nation Council to  
5 confirm all division directors, in the event the Navajo Nation Council does not confirm  
6 an appointed person as a division director.

7 C. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to amend the power of the Navajo Nation  
8 Council to confirm the appointment of all division directors.

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10 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 102(F), THE POWER OF THE NAVAJO**  
11 **NATION COUNCIL TO CONFIRM ALL DIVISION DIRECTORS**

12 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code as  
13 follows:

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15 **Title 2. Navajo Nation Government**  
16 **Chapter 3. Legislative Branch**  
17 **Subchapter 1. Navajo Nation Council**

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19 **§ 102(F). Powers; composition**

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21 F. The Navajo Nation Council shall confirm the appointments of all division  
22 directors upon recommendation from the appropriate oversight committee. The  
23 President shall present the appointment at the next Navajo Nation Council session  
24 following the date the appointments are made. If an appointed person is not confirmed  
25 by the Navajo Nation Council, the appointed person who continues to be employed as  
26 division director, shall receive a salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per  
27 year, and no Navajo Nation funds shall be used for travel or expenses by the appointed  
28 person.

1       **SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION**

2       The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the  
3       Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such  
4       amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.  
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6       **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

7       Should any provisions of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
8       Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo  
9       Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain the  
10      law of the Navajo Nation.  
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12      **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13      The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C.  
14      § 221(B).  
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