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TITLE: An Act to Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 2 N.N.C. § 105(B) to Limit Navajo Nation Council Delegates to Serve a Total of Four Terms

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0057-26

DATE: March 19,2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 105(B) TO LIMIT NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL DELEGATES TO SERVE A TOTAL OF FOUR TERMS

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if approved, is to amend 2 N.N.C. §105(B) to limit Navajo Nation Council Delegates to four (4), four-year terms.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIREMENT: 2/3 Vote of the Navajo Nation Council

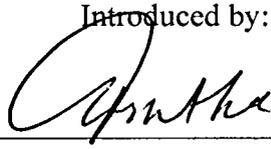
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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14 A TOTAL OF FOUR TERMS

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
20 102(A).
21 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
22 empowered to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo
23 Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 164(A)(9).
24 C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
25 empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on
26 proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§
27 600(A) and 601(B)(14).
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29 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 30 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 105(B), there are no term limits that apply to Navajo Nation

1 delegate positions:

2 **§ 105. Term of Office**

3 A. Each delegate to the Navajo Nation Council shall serve for a term of
4 four years.

5 B. **A delegate shall not be limited in the number of terms he or she may**
6 **serve.** (Emphasis added).

7 B. There is a need to also impose a reasonable term limit on delegates that serve on the
8 Navajo Nation Council.

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10 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE**

11 The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 2, Navajo Nation Code, Section 105(B) as 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 **§ 105. Term of Office**

20 A. Each delegate to the Navajo Nation Council shall serve for a term of four years.

21 B. ~~A delegate shall not be limited in the number of terms he or she may serve.~~ No
22 person shall serve more than four terms total as a Navajo Nation Council
23 Delegate. Such terms do not need to be served consecutively. When a person is
24 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy as Delegate, then such service shall be
25 counted as one term for the purposes of this subsection.

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29 **SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION**

30 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the

1 Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such
2 amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

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4 **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

5 Should any provisions of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
6 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo
7 Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain the
8 law of the Navajo Nation.

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10 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

11 The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C.
12 § 221(B).