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LEGISLATION NO: _0077-26_

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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Mabelle Drake Hueston to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents Representing the Western Navajo Agency for a Staggered Term of Four Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0077-26

DATE: April 8, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MABELLE DRAKE HUESTON TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY FOR A STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would confirm the appointment of Ms. Mabelle Drake Hueston to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents representing the Western Navajo Agency for a staggered term of four years.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

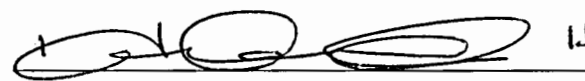
VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

4  Herman M. Daniels Jr.
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6 (Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
12 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS.
13 MABELLE DRAKE HUESTON TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
14 BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY
15 FOR A STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(3), the Health, Education and Human Services
21 Committee has oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education and colleges
22 within the Navajo Nation, and has the authority to review and recommend
23 resolutions relating to education in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a).
24 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204(B), the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint
25 the five members of the board who represent the five agencies of the Navajo
26 Nation, subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo
27 Nation Council. *See also* CJY-35-13.
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204(A), the Corporation shall be governed by a board of
3 regents composed of six members. There shall be one member of the board
4 appointed from each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. These five Board
5 members shall have experience in the fields of education, business, science or
6 technology or any other related field, and at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. The
7 President of the Student Senate of the Navajo Technical University shall serve as a
8 member of the Board by virtue of his/her office and shall be a voting member of
9 the Board. *See also* CJY-35-12.
- 10 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204(C), Board members shall serve terms of four years
11 each, except for the President of the Student Senate, who shall serve as a board
12 member by virtue of his/her office. The terms shall be staggered. A Board member
13 shall continue to serve after the formal expiration of the term until a successor has
14 been confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. The appointed Board members'
15 terms of office shall begin upon their confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.
16 The Board shall notify the President of the Navajo Nation of an approaching
17 vacancy and may recommend to the President of the Navajo Nation persons to fill
18 vacancies on the board. A Board member may be re-appointed to subsequent terms
19 of office. *Id.*
- 20 C. The Navajo Nation President appointed Ms. Mabelle Drake Hueston to serve as a
21 member of the Board of Regents to represent the Western Navajo Agency for a
22 term of four years, letter of appointment is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 23 D. Ms. Mabelle Drake Hueston meets the qualifications required by 15 N.N.C §
24 1204(A). *See* Letter of Interest, Résumé, and Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood
25 attached hereto as **Exhibits B, C and D**, respectively.

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27 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

28 The Navajo Nation hereby finds that Ms. Mabelle Drake Hueston meets the qualifications
29 set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204(B) and confirms the appointment of Ms. Mabelle Drake
30 Hueston to serve on the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents as a

1 representative of the Western Navajo Agency for a staggered term of four years, effective
2 upon confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204(C).
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