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TITLE: An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 17 N.N.C. § 205

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0148-26

DATE: June 23, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 17 N.N.C. §205

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, amends the time limits placed on the Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office to charge a crime.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

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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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced by:

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING
17 N.N.C. §205

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the delegated responsibilities to "[t]o protect the rights and interests of the Navajo People by improving the quality and effectiveness of the justice system within the Navajo Nation" and to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed Navajo Nation Code amendments and enactments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 600(C)(2) and 601(B)(14).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority to hear and act on proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 700(A).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and must review and approve enactments or amendments of positive law, i.e., changes to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A) and § 164(A).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. On November 6, 2017, Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code was amended under
3 Resolution CO-59-17. The resolution is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 4 B. The Office of the Prosecutor submitted a letter dated April 9, 2026, requesting
5 specific amendments to the statute of limitations to expand limitation periods
6 improving the Navajo Nation's ability to hold offenders accountable. The letter from
7 the Office of the Prosecutor is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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9 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE**

10 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code as follows:

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13 **NAVAJO NATION CODE**
14 **TITLE 17. LAW AND ORDER**
15 **CHAPTER 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS**
16 **SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL**

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18 **§ 205. Time General Statute of Limitations**

- 19 A. Except as otherwise provided in this Title, prosecution for another offenses must be
20 commenced within seven three years from the date ~~of the act or conduct which~~
21 constitutes the offense was committed.
- 22 B. A prosecution is commenced ~~either~~ when a complaint is filed ~~or when an arrest warrant~~
23 ~~or other similar process is issued~~.
- 24 C. The limitation period is tolled during any period in which the accused is absent from the
25 jurisdiction, intentionally conceals himself to avoid prosecution, or is in the custody of
26 another sovereign, including the United States, for the same or related conduct prior to
27 declination of prosecution.

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1 **SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION**

2 The provisions of this Act that amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code
3 shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel
4 shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation
5 Code.

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7 **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

8 If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo
9 Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme
10 Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain law of the Navajo Nation.

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12 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 This Act shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221 (B).
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