

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0272-18

DATE: August 06, 2018

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION REFERENDUM ON WHETHER 2 N.N.C § 1008 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY NAVAJO NATION VOTERS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve and authorize an election referendum on whether 2 N.N.C § 1008 should be amended to increase the salaries for the Offices of Navajo Nation President and Vice President to amounts determined by Navajo Nation voters.

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.

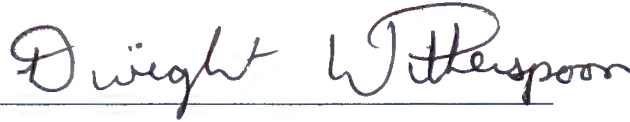
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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

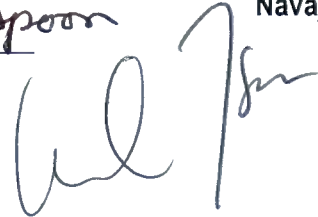
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0272-18



AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO
NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION
REFERENDUM ON WHETHER 2 N.N.C. § 1008 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO
INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND
VICE PRESIDENT TO AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY NAVAJO NATION
VOTERS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600. The committee has the authority to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §601(B)(14).
- B The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700. Under Navajo Nation law, "a proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council [must] be assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9). The committee has oversight over the Commission on Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

- 1 C. The Navajo Nation Council is an elected body empowered, among other statutory
2 duties and responsibilities, to state policy and enact laws of the Navajo Nation.
3 See generally, 2 N.N.C. § 164. The Council is authorized to refer referendum
4 measures to voters of the Navajo Nation. 11 N.N.C. § 403.
- 5 D. The Navajo Nation Commission on Navajo Government Development was
6 established for the purpose of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an
7 accountable and responsible government. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- 8 E. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, pursuant to the Navajo Nation
9 Election Code, ensures that measures referred for referendum are not exempt from
10 the referendum process. 11 N.N.C. § 403(A). Regarding a matter referred by the
11 Council, the board is authorized to amend the language for clarification purposes
12 only. 11 N.N.C. § 403(A).

13 14 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 15 A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development was created in 1989 by
16 the Navajo Nation Council. CD-68-89. The enactment provided, "[t]he
17 Commission is special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-
18 independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms
19 necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. §
20 970.
- 21 B. In 1994, an amendment provided that a purpose of the commission is "to review
22 and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation
23 including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of
24 the central government as it relates to Chapters, and local communities and the
25 relationship of Chapters and local communities and the relation of chapters and
26 local communities to the central government.." 2 N.N.C. § 971, CJY-65-94.
- 27 C. Navajo Nation law at 2 N.N.C. § 1008 reads:
28 The salary of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall be
29 fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) and forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)
30 per annum, respectively. Salary adjustments may be approved by the Navajo

1 Nation Council but shall not become effective until and unless approved by a
2 referendum. 2 N.N.C. § 1008.

3 D. The Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, "authorize[d], declare[d]
4 and direct[ed] "that Sections 101(b), 102(a), 1008 and 106(a) of the Title Two (2)
5 amendments, shall not apply to amendments duly proposed by the Navajo Nation
6 Commission on Navajo Government Development." Resolved clause 7, CD-68-
7 89. This clause permits the Council to approve amendments at the cited sections
8 without further referendum, so long as the amendments are recommended by the
9 Commission on Navajo Government Development.

10 E. In spite of resolved clause 7, CD-68-89, the Commission on Navajo Government
11 Development is seeking a referendum election on whether 2 N.N.C. § 1008
12 should be amended to increase the salaries of the Navajo Nation President and
13 Vice President. See Exhibit "A, Commission resolution CNGD-0702-18. The
14 Commission, in its resolution, delegated to the Office of Navajo Government
15 Development the task of determining the amounts of the increases.

16 F. The Office of Navajo Government Development, pursuant to its delegated
17 function, is recommending that voters be presented with options on the amounts
18 of the increases. See Exhibit "B." For the President position, the Office of
19 Navajo Government Development is recommending the options of either \$85,000
20 or \$102,000. For the Navajo Nation Office of Vice President, the Office of
21 Navajo Government Development recommends the options of \$70,000 or
22 \$83,000.

23 24 **SECTION THREE. REFERRAL OF REFERENDUM MEASURE**

25 A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby refers for referendum vote the question of
26 whether the salaries for the positions of Navajo Nation President and Vice President
27 should be increased as recommended by the Commission of Navajo Government
28 Development through resolution CNGD-0702-18. The Council further approves on
29 the same ballot options on the amount of the increases as recommended by the Office
30 of Navajo Government Development.

1 B. The ballot language proposed by the Office of Navajo Government Development
2 is attached as Exhibit "B." Subject to the authority of the Navajo Board of Election
3 Supervisors to amend the language, the Council approves the recommended language.
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5 **SECTION FOUR. REFERENDUM VOTE REQUIRED**

6 The vote required for increasing the salaries for the positions of Navajo Nation
7 President and Vice President shall be a majority of votes cast. If this vote on the
8 increase fails, the votes on the options (on the amounts of the increases) shall not be
9 counted. If a majority vote is obtained, the votes on the options shall be tallied. The
10 option receiving the higher number of votes shall be deemed approved by voters.
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12 **SECTION FIVE. TEXT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION REFERRED BY** 13 **REFERENDUM MEASURE**

14 Due to the nature of the options presented in the referendum measure authorized
15 herein, providing the text of proposed amendments in the Code will not be
16 practicable. For this reason, the Council directs the Office of Navajo Government
17 Development, at the direction of the Navajo Election Administration, to make
18 available for review by voters at the polls the entirety of the resolution approved
19 herein.
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21 **SECTION SIX. NOTICE AND VOTER EDUCATION**

22 Regarding the referendum approved herein, the Office of Navajo Government
23 Development and the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall ensure
24 that proper notice and education is provided Navajo voters prior to the referendum
25 election. The office and commission shall ensure objectivity in providing notice and
26 education on the measures referred.
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28 **SECTION SEVEN. REFERENDUM ELECTION DATE; COSTS**

29 A. Subject to the authority of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, the election
30 for this referendum measure "shall be at the next regularly scheduled Navajo

1 Nation election (primary, general or Navajo Nation-wide chapter election) if such
2 election is scheduled to be held no sooner than 60 days following the adoption of
3 the resolution" 11 N.N.C. § 403(A).

- 4 B. In the event the referendum election authorized herein cannot be conducted at the
5 next regularly-scheduled election due to required time frames, the Office of
6 Navajo Government Development and the Commission on Navajo Government
7 Development shall identify funds to pay costs for conducting a special
8 referendum election.

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10 **SECTION EIGHT. EFFECTIVE DATE**

11 The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221(B)
12 and, if approved by voters, upon certification of referendum election by the Navajo
13 Nation Board of Election Supervision.

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15 **SECTION NINE. CODIFICATION**

16 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified
17 by the Office of Legislative Counsel, if approved by referendum. The Office of
18 Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amendments in the next codification of the
19 Navajo Nation Code.

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21 **SECTION TEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

22 Should any provision of these amendments, if approved by referendum, be
23 determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the
24 Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those
25 amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.



CNGD-0702-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE
COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT**

**AN ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO
INTRODUCE A REFERENDUM BALLOT MEASURE TO THE NAVAJO PEOPLE TO
APPROVE A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND
VICE-PRESIDENT DURING THE 2018 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL ELECTION.**

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to CD-68-89, the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Navajo Government Development (Commission) including the Office of Navajo Government Development with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Navajo Nation Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government, and;
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 971 (1994 as amended), the purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as follows: (A) To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the central government as it relates to Chapters, and local communities and the relationship of Chapters and local communities to the central government, and;
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1008, the salary of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall be fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) and forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) per annum, respectively. Salary adjustments may be approved by the Navajo Nation Council but shall not become effective until and unless approved by a referendum; and,
4. There has never been a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Navajo Nation President and Vice President since the positions were first established in 1989 (*CD-68-89, 16th Navajo Nation Council (1989)*); and,
5. The positions of Navajo Nation President and Vice-President were created on December 15, 1989, through Council Resolution CD-68-89. Peterson Zah and Marshall Plummer were then inaugurated as the first elected Navajo Nation President and Vice-President on January 15, 1991 and according to 2 N.N.C. §1008 of the original resolution in 1989, it set the salaries at \$55,000 for the president \$45,000 for the vice-president and these amounts have not been changed since that time; and,
6. The duties and responsibilities for a state governor and the Navajo Nation president are similar. The Navajo Nation President is responsible for 24 divisions, offices, boards, and commissions (NAVAJO NATION ANN. tit. 2, §§ 1001-3554). The governors in neighboring

states have a similar structure with the governor of New Mexico overseeing 29 departments (M. STAT. ANN. §§ 9-1-1-9-38-7) and the governor of Arizona overseeing 36 departments (ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. §41), while New Mexico and Arizona have larger governments and populations than the Navajo Nation, their governors serve in a similar capacity as the head of the executive branch. They both carry out the traditional duties of the executive branch in a three-branch government system; and,

7. The governor of Arizona currently earns \$95,000 a year and the governor of New Mexico earns \$110,000 (BUSINESS INSIDER, Jun. 22, 2018) and their salaries are approximately double what the Navajo Nation president currently earns; and,
8. The Commission on Navajo Government Development determines that given the Cost of Living Adjustment and the rising cost of inflation of 85% increase from 1991 to 2018, The Navajo Nation President and Vice-President salaries must to be adjusted to be comparable to elected leaders of States in which the Navajo Nation is in and need to reflect the COLA and rise in cost of inflation.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission on Navajo Government Development hereby supports and recommends a referendum ballot measure to the Navajo People to decide on a salary adjustment for the Navajo Nation President and Vice President during the 2018 Navajo Nation General Election.
2. The Commission directs the Office of Navajo Government Development to begin compiling relevant data to determine an amount to be used for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President's salary adjustment sum amount, including referendum language and all other necessary requirements associated with this initiative.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Commission on Navajo Government Development at a duly called meeting at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained, this 28th day of July 2018.



JoAnn Dedman, Chair

Commission on Navajo Government Development

Motion: Crystal J. Cree

Second: Kenneth Maryboy



REFERENDUM BALLOT LANGUAGE

Official Title: Referendum Vote to Approve a Salary Increase for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President.

Descriptive Summary of Referendum Question: There has never been a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Navajo Nation President and Vice President since the positions were first established in 1989 (CD-68-89, 16th Navajo Nation Council (1989)). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1008, the salary of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall be fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) and forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) per annum, respectively. Salary adjustments may be approved by the Navajo Nation Council but shall not become effective until and unless approved by a referendum of the Navajo People.

Legal Effect:

A "YES" vote means that the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President shall get a salary increase.

A "NO" vote means that the salary for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President remains the same under the current law.

Referendum Question: Shall the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President get a salary increase?

_____ YES
_____ NO

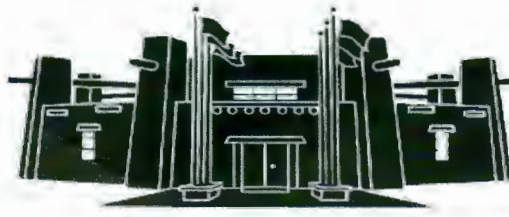
If YES, please select Option 1 or Option 2:

Option 1 YES _____

Navajo Nation President Salary at Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000)


Option 2 YES _____

Navajo Nation President Salary at One-Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000)



MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Leonard Tsosie, Council Delegate
Navajo Nation Council

From : 
Ron Haven, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : August 06, 2018

Re : AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN
ELECTION REFERENDUM ON WHETHER 2 N.N.C § 1008 SHOULD BE
AMENDED TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY
NAVAJO NATION VOTERS

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient, although, as with all legislation, challenges are possible in the courts. You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. As you may be aware, the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees than those stated in the title.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.

OLC # 18-454-1

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0272-18_____

SPONSOR: Leonard Tsosie

TITLE: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving and Authorizing an Election Referendum on whether 2 N.N.C. § 1008 should be Amended to Increase the Salaries of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to amounts determined by Navajo Nation Voters

Date posted: August 8, 2018 at 5:02pm

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Office of Legislative Services
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THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: 0272-18

SPONSOR: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order, Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Naabik'iyati' and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving and Authorizing an Election Referendum on whether 2 N.N.C. § 1008 should be Amended to Increase the Salaries of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to amounts determined by Navajo Nation Voters

Posted: August 8, 2018 at 5:02pm

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 13, 2018

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



Legislative Secretary II
Office of Legislative Services

8/15/2018 8:15am

Date/Time

COMMITTEE
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2018

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

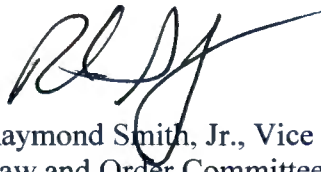
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Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS** with one amendment:

Page 3, line 22 change 83,000 to “87,000”

And thereafter referred to Resources and Development Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond Smith, Jr., Vice Chairperson
Law and Order Committee
23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 20, 2018

Main Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second : Honorable Herman M. Daniels
Vote : 2-0-1 (Vice Chairperson not voting)

Amendment No. 1:
Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second: Honorable Herman M. Daniels
Vote: 2-0-1

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2018

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0272-18: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving and Authorizing an Election Referendum on whether 2 N.N.C. § 1008 should be amended to Increase the Salaries of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to amounts determined by Navajo Nation Voters – *Sponsor: Honorable Leonard Tsosie*

Main Motion: Otto Tso **Second:** Herman M. Daniels **Vote:** 2-0-1

VOTE TALLY:

YEAS: Herman M. Daniels/Otto Tso

NAYS:

NOT VOTING: Raymond Smith, Jr.

EXCUSE: Edmund Yazzie/Kee A. Begay, Jr.

Amendment No. 1

Motion: Otto Tso **Second:** Herman M. Daniels **Vote:** 2-0-1

YEAS: Herman M. Daniels//Otto Tso

NAYS:

NOT VOTING: Raymond Smith, Jr.

EXCUSE: Kee A. Begay, Jr./Edmund Yazzie



Raymond Smith, Jr., Vice Chairperson
Law and Order Committee



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Law and Order Committee

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

FOURTH YEAR 2018

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation # 0272-18: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'IYATI AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION REFERENDUM ON WHETHER 2 N.N.C, SECTION 1008 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT TO AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY NAVAJO NATION VOTERS *Sponsor: Honorable Walter Phelps*

Has had it under consideration and reports a **DO PASS** with the following recommendations for amendments;

Option 4:

Navajo Nation President Salary at Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000)

Option 5:

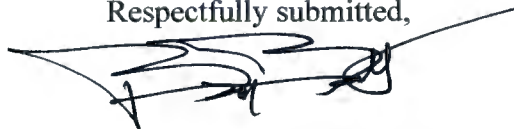
Navajo Nation President Salary at Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000)

Option 6:

Navajo Nation President Salary at One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000)
Navajo Nation Vice-President Salary at Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000)

And thereafter referred the legislation to Health, Education & Human Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
Resource and Development Committee of
the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: August 22, 2018

Meeting Location: OLS-Budget and Finance Conference Room, Window Rock, Arizona

MAIN MOTION: Walter Phelps S: Leonard Pete V: 3-0-2 (VCNV)

YEAS: Davis Filfred, Leonard Pete and Walter Phelps

RECUSED: Alton Joe Shepherd

EXCUSED: Jonathan Perry

Legislation # 0272-18
Date: August 22, 2018

AMENDMENT # 1:

Motion: Leonard Pete Second: Walter Phelps

Vote: 3-0-2 (VCNV)

YEAS: Davis Filfred, Leonard Pete and Walter Phelps

RECUSED: Alton Joe Shepherd

EXCUSED: Jonathan Perry

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

August 22, 2018

ROLL CALL

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

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MAIN MOTION: Walter Phelps S: Leonard Pete V: 3-0-2 (VCNV)

YEAS: Davis Filfred, Leonard Pete and Walter Phelps

RECUSED: Alton Joe Shepherd

EXCUSED: Jonathan Perry

AMENDMENT # 1:

Motion: Leonard Pete Second: Walter Phelps Vote: 3-0-2 (VCNV)

YEAS: Davis Filfred, Leonard Pete and Walter Phelps

RECUSED: Alton Joe Shepherd

EXCUSED: Jonathan Perry



Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee



Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor
Resources and Development Committee

**23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT
Fourth Year 2018**

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0272-18

An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and the Navajo Nation Council;
Approving and Authorizing an Election Referendum on whether 2 N.N.C. § 1008 should
be Amended to Increase the Salaries of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President
to amounts determined by Navajo Nation Voters

Sponsored by: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon

Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO
THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

06 SEPTEMBER 2018

MAIN MOTION

Motioned by: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Seconded by: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

Vote: 9 in Favor, 8 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

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FAILED MOTIONS:

REFERRAL MOTION (1ST ATTEMPT)

Motion to Refer Legislation 0272-18 back to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee.

Motioned by: Honorable Otto Tso

Seconded by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Vote: 06 in Favor, and 09 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

REFERRAL MOTION (2ND ATTEMPT)

Motion to Refer Legislation 0272-18 back to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee.

Motioned by: Honorable Otto Tso

Seconded by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Vote: 08 in Favor, and 09 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1007

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

9/6/2018

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Amd# to Amd#

Legislation 0272-18: Approving

PASSED

MOT Slim

and Authorizing an Election

SEC Tsosie

Referendum on Whether 2 NNC

Sec 1008 Should be Amended....

Yea : 9

Nay : 8

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 7

Yea : 9

BeGaye, N
Bennett
Brown

Chee
Jack

Shepherd
Slim

Tsosie
Witherspoon

Nay : 8

Begay, K
Begay, NM

Crotty
Damon

Daniels
Hale

Smith
Tso

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 7

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