

# 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, <u>Ansee Canabatt</u> (Korry, Primary Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation tracking number is <u>ODIG-17</u>.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. 0015-17

DATE: December 23, 2016

## **TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 3780

**PURPOSE:** This resolution if approved will amend 2 N.N.C. § 3780, the Ethics in Government Law Sanctions and Penalties.

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

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11	RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE	E NAVAJO	
12	NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 3780		
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14	BE IT ENACTED:		
15	SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY		
16	A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Law and Order Com	nmittee (LOC) as a	
17	Navajo Nation standing committee and as such empowered LOC t	to review and make	
18	recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed N	-	
19	amendments and enactments. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 600 (A),	601 (B)(14) (2012);	
20	See also CO-45-12.		
21	B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee		
22	standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires		
23	Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Comn	nittee. See 2 N.N.C.	
24	§§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A) (2012); See also CO-45-12.		
25	C. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments	or amendments of	
26	positive law. See 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (2012); See also CO-45-12.		
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28	SECTION TWO. FINDINGS		
29	A. The Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law was enacted for pur	poses of integrity in	
30	the government. 2 N.N.C. § 3741, et. seq.		
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1	B. It is within the best interest of the Navajo Nation to amend 2 N.N.C. § 3750, Ethics in		
2	Government Law Sanctions and Penalties.		
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4	SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 3780		
5	The Navajo Nation Council amends 2 N.N.C. § 3780 as follows:		
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7	NAVAJO NATION CODE		
8	TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT		
9	CHAPTER 6. ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT LAW		
10	SUBCHAPTER 5. SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES		
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13	§ 3780. Administrative sanctions; collection of judgments		
14	A. Upon finding that there has been violation <u>a conviction</u> of any provision of this Chapter,		
15	the Committee Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office may will impose any or all of the		
16	following penalties or sanctions:		
1 <b>7</b>	1. Removal, discharge or termination from public office or employment in accordance with		
18	applicable Navajo Nation law and procedure.		
19	2. <u>Permanent</u> <del>D</del> disqualification for all elective public offices of the Navajo Nation and/or		
20	appointment to or employment in any public office of the Navajo Nation, for five years		
21	from the effective date of removal, discharge or any other termination of public office or		
22	employment of the Navajo Nation.		
23	3. <u>Removal</u> Suspension from public office or employment and forfeiture of all		
24	compensation and benefits accruing therefrom, for not-less than 30 days nor for more		
25	than one year.		
26	4. Accordingly, any public employee of the Navajo Nation shall be subject to discipline,		
27	including suspension without pay or other benefits and dismissal as provided by other		
28	laws, regulations and personnel policies or procedures applicable thereto.		
29	5. Issuance of a written public reprimand, which shall be entered into such person's		
30	permanent record of employment or office and upon the permanent record of the public		

1	office or entity of which such person is a member or employee, according to provision of		
2	applicable Navajo Nation law and procedures.		
3	6. Issuance of a private reprimand to such person, with or without suspension of any or all		
4	other sanctions provided herein.		
5	7. Imposition of restitution or such other civil penalties as hereinafter provided under §		
6	3781.		
7	B. Any person who is found to have violated any provisions of this Chapter shall forfeit any		
8	elective public office, appointment or employment of the Navajo Nation. This forfeiture		
9	provision shall not apply to any person against whom the only sanction imposed under $\S$		
10	3780 (A) is for a suspension from public office, or a written public reprimand, or private		
11	reprimand, or restitution of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).		
12	C. No sanctions or penalty provided herein shall limit any other powers of the Navajo		
13	Nation Council, Navajo Nation Courts, Judicial, Executive or Legislative Branches of the		
14	Navajo Nation, nor of any other entity or administrative officials or employees under		
15	other applicable law, rules, regulations or procedures.		
16	D. Judgements issued pursuant to the Ethics in Government Law which include the payment		
17	of money may be collected in any manner authorized for recovery of debts owed the		
18	Navajo Nation, including but not limited to garnishment proceedings as authorized by		
19	Navajo Nation law and offset provisions of the Navajo Nation Business and Procurement		
20	Act, 12 N.N.C. § 1501 et. seq.		
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24	SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION		
25	The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation		

Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provision into the next codification or supplement of the Navajo Nation Code.

## SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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Should any provision of this act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Act shall remain in the law of the Navajo Nation.

#### SECTION SIX. PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

This declaration shall be added to the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. The Human Resources Department shall incorporate such provision in the next published Personnel Polices Manual.

## SECTION SEVEN. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provision of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221 (B).

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Honorable LoRenzo Bates Speaker 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

<b>MEMORANDUM</b>	
TO:	

Hon. Amber Crotty 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

Rhonda L. Tuni Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: December 23, 2016

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 3780

Pursuant to your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, it is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Council confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Prime Sponsor", and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7166. Thank you.

## THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0015-17\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: Amber K. Crotty

TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Naabik'iyati' And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 3780

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#### SPONSOR: Honorable Amber K. Crotty

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## Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter

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Herman Daniels, Jr. Council Delegate

#### SUPPORTING LEGISLATION 0015-17: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'IYATI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. SUBSECTION 3780; FURTHERMORE REQUEST THE FULL RESTITUTION OF ALL MONIES TO BE PAID THEN START THE FIVE YEAR RESTRICTION TO ELIGIBILITY OF FILING FOR NAVAJO NATION OFFICIAL; ADDITIONALLY ALL NAVAJO NATION EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE 20% OF THEIR WAGES GARNISHED UNTIL ALL MONIES ARE REPAID

Resolution

of the Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter

TBK 2017-078-007

#### WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 3 (A), the Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10; and vested with the authority to discuss all matters affecting the Navajo people and its Nation; and
- Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1 (B), the Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community, make appropriate corrections when necessary, and provide recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate action(s); and
- 3. The Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter Supports Legislation 0015-17: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati' and The Navajo Nation Council, and;
- 4. The Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter sees it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that all monies wrongfully expended or taken by any official or Nation Employee should be fully collected, and;
- 5. That any persons wanting to run for public office be restricted during their restitution period along with 5 years after they successfully repay the sum taken, furthermore garnish 20% of all Nation Employee wages until such a time they have repaid in full the monies they have taken.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter hereby supports legislation 0015-17: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyati', and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Navajo Nation Code 2 Subsection 3780.

#### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter at a duly called meeting in Ts'ah Bii Kin, Arizona at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  in favor  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  opposed and  $\underline{\mathscr{D}}$  abstained on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

Motioned By: ally Goodman Martha A Tate, President

Isey Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer

Second By: Jaime Nodestine

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