LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0294-19

DATE: September 24, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2020-2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

PURPOSE: This bill will extend the approval date for the 2020-2024 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan, from November 4, 2019 to March 26, 2020.

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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Health Education & Human Services Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2020-2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

B. Among various responsibilities, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, under the Navajo Nation Election Code, approves apportionment plans for school boards for use in Navajo Nation Chapter Elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B). The Election Code provides:

> "On or before the first Monday of November 2003 and every four years thereafter, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall set the size of each Local Community School Board and shall apportion the number of school board seats among the Chapter or Chapters represented in each Local Community School Board. This apportionment shall

establish election precincts for each Local Community School Board containing approximately equal numbers of students attending the Local Community School at the time of the apportionment. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, for purposes of public comment or collecting data, may extend the time for approval of an apportionment plan. Should an extension be ordered, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if necessary, the opening filing period for elective school board positions." 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

1. Under the Navajo Nation Election Code, the 2020-2024 Apportionment Plan for local community school boards must be approved no later than November 4, 2019. Once adopted the plan will be used in the 2020 Chapter Elections in which school board members will be elected. Also, the apportionment plan, once adopted, will be effective for the 2020-2024 terms of office for all elective school board positions under the Navajo Election Code.

2. Additional time is necessary to prepare and adopt the 2020-2024 School Board Apportionment Plan.

SECTION THREE. EXTENDING TIME FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

A. Pursuant to 11 N.N.C. § 11(B), the Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby extends the date for the approval of the Navajo Nation 2020-2024 School Board Apportionment Plan.

B. Consistent with all other requirements of the Navajo Nation Election Code, the Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan for 2020-2024 shall be approved no later than March 26, 2020.

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MEMORANDUM

To : Edison Wauneka, Council Delegate
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From :
Ron Haven, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : September 24, 2019

Re : AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2020-2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

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'.

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