

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 21 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SUCH THAT RECORDING OF VOTES ON ALL MOTIONS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE RECORDED BY ROLL CALL**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Law and Order Committee, among other powers, is authorized "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. §§ 600 (A), 601 (B) (14).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Budget and Finance Committee shall exercise oversight authority including but not limited to budget, finance, investment, bonds, contracting, insurance, audits, accounting, taxes, loans, and Chapter budget and finance. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A), 300 (C).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans, and veteran services, employment and labor." 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401 (B) (6) (a).
- D. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Resources and Development Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation, community development, local government units, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental protection, and the use, sale, exchange and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources,

whether held in fee or trust status." 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), 501 (B) (1).

- E. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee. All proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A).

## **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. Rule 21 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended by Resolution CO-43-07, requires all votes on motions before the standing committee be "done by showing of hands[.]"
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is appropriate for all votes on motions before a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall be recorded by roll call.
- C. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Navajo People to require roll call votes on motions before a committee to ensure participation of committee members and provide accountability of delegates to chapter constituents.

## **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RULE 21 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SUCH THAT ALL VOTES ON MOTIONS BEFORE THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE RECORDED BY ROLL CALL**

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 21 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended by Resolution CO-43-07, as follows:

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### **RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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#### **Rule 21. Vote:**

- A. Every committee member shall cast a vote for or oppose on each motion before the Committee, unless there is a direct, personal or monetary conflict of interest at which time the committee member may cast an abstention vote.
- B. The recording of votes for, opposed, and abstentions on all motions shall be done by ~~showing of hands~~ roll call,

including vote tally sheet, except that abstention votes are not counted towards the votes for or opposed but entered for the record only.

- C. The Chairperson shall direct recording of final vote count before consideration of any further Committee action.
- D. Voting by proxy or by any method by or on behalf of any Committee member who is not physically present in the meeting place shall not be valid or permitted.

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### SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

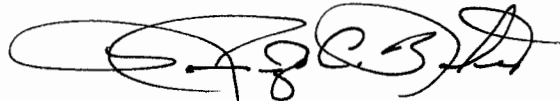
The amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council Rule 25. CO-43-07.

### SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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 Supreme Court, those provisions of the Act not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 02 opposed, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

2-1-18

Date

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels  
Second: Honorable Norman M. Begay

Speaker Bates not voting

**NAVAJO NATION**

RCS# 945

Winter Session

1/25/2018  
02:57:43 PM

Amd# to Amd#      Legislation No. 0356-17  
MOT Daniels      Amending Rule 21 of the  
SEC Begay, NM      Rules of Order for standing  
                         committees of NN Council such

**PASSED**

**Yea : 13**

**Nay : 2**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 9**

**Yea : 13**

Begay, NM  
Begay, S  
BeGaye, N  
Bennett

Chee  
Crotty  
Damon

Daniels  
Hale  
Perry

Pete  
Smith  
Witherspoon

**Nay : 2**

Jack

Filfred

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 9**

Bates  
Begay, K  
Brown

Phelps  
Shepherd

Slim  
Tso

Tsosie  
Yazzie