

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0016-15

**DATE:** January 16, 2015

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO 'NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE OF 2 N.N.C. § 164

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will amend 2 N.N.C. § 164 on emergency legislation.

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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Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee

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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT

RELATING TO 'NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;

AMENDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE OF 2 N.N.C. § 164

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Findings**

A. Navajo Nation Council often considers matters of emergency nature under the emergency clause of 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(16) which states as follows:

Matters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, disaster relief services, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation. Such an emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such resolution(s) and must be a matter requiring final action by the Council.

B. When other urgent or emergency matters arise not fitting the definition of the emergency clause, it results in endless debate or passage of a legislation that may be challenged as not fitting the emergency clause. Not all emergency or urgent matters can be fitted under the emergency clause; and the current emergency clause is too limiting and does not consider other emergency matters.

C. It is important to have the Navajo Nation Council consider other emergency or urgent matter facing the Navajo Nation.

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2 **Section Two. Amending Title 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, § 164(A)(16)**

3 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amend 2 N.N.C. §164 as follows:

4 **§ 164. Navajo Nation Council and Committee Legislative Process**

5 A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements,  
6 budget resolutions and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by  
7 the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as  
8 otherwise provided herein.

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10 16. Notwithstanding other provisions provided in this section, including  
11 provisions on comment periods and committee review, proposed legislation  
12 addressing emergencies shall be processed for immediate consideration by the  
13 Navajo Nation Council. Matters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the  
14 cessation of law enforcement services, disaster relief services, fire protection  
15 services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or  
16 Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation, or  
17 other matters which the Navajo Nation Council considers to be of an emergency  
18 or urgent nature, including proposed legislation that is in the legislative process,  
19 upon a 4/5 vote of the Delegates present before consideration. Such an  
20 emergency matter must arise due to the pressing public need for such a  
21 resolution(s) and ~~must be a matter requiring final action by the Council.~~

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23 **Section Three. Codification**

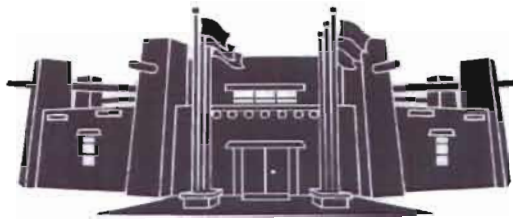
24 The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation  
25 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative  
26 Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions into the next codification or  
27 supplement of the Navajo Nation Code.

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29 **Section Four. Savings Clause**

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


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6       **Section Five. Effective Date**

7       The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accord with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).  
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## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Leonard Tsosie, Delegate  
Navajo Nation Council

From :   
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Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : January 16, 2015

Re : AN ACT RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTTI' AND THE NAVAJO  
NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE OF 2  
N.N.C. § 164

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. As to format, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. Regarding substance, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want.

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. 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 # 14-156-1



January 16, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO** : Honorable Members  
Naabik'iyati' Committee  
Navajo Nation Council

**FROM** :   
Hon. Kee Allen Begay, Jr., *Speaker Pro Tem*  
22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**SUBJECT** : **ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION**

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Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;

**Legislation No. 0016-15**

**RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
AMENDING THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE OF 2 N.N.C. § 164.**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation, Legislation No. 0016-15 must be placed on the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

**ATTACHMENT:** Legislation No. 0016-15

xc: Hon. Ben Shelly, *President*  
The Navajo Nation  
Harrison Tsosie, *Attorney General*  
Mark Grant, *Controller*  
Dominic Beyal, *Executive Director, OMB*  
Honorable Leonard Tsosie, Council Delegate (*Prime Sponsor*)

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SPONSOR: Leonard Tsosie

**TITLE: An Action Relating To An Naabik'iyati' And The Navajo Nation Council;  
Amending The Emergency Clause Of 2 N.N.C. § 164**

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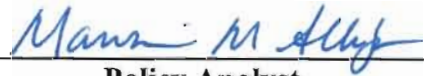
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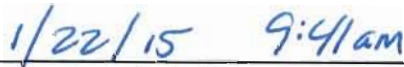
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Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services



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First Year 2015


The **NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned

**Legislation No. 0016-15**

Relating to Naabik'iyati' Committee and Navajo Nation Council;  
Amending the Emergency Clause of 2 N.N.C. § 164 - Sponsor:  
Honorable Leonard Tsosie

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the  
recommendation that it was **RULED OUT OF ORDER** with no amendment

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Pro Tem Chairman  
Naabik'iyati' Committee

22 January 2015

MOTION: Honorable

SECOND: Honorable

The vote was 00 in favor and 0 opposed