



23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, Leonard Teosie, Primary
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation
tracking number is 0036-15.

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

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

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DATE:

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0036-15

DATE: January 29, 2015

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION CD-80-14, ENTITLED *"AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; TO ADDRESS A MATTER OF NAVAJO VOTER DISENFRANCHISEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION AND A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT"*

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to amend Resolution CD-80-14.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: None
Website Posting Time/Date: 7:10pm 1/29/15
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Eligible for Action: 2/4/2015

Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee

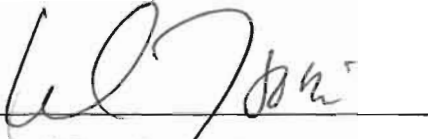
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0036-15

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
AMENDING RESOLUTION CD-80-14, ENTITLED "AN ACTION RELATING TO
AN EMERGENCY; TO ADDRESS A MATTER OF NAVAJO VOTER
DISENFRANCHISEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL RUN-OFF
ELECTION AND A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT"

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such 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) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments or amendments of positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- C. On January 10, 2015, President Ben Shelly signed Res. CD-80-14.
- D. Res. CD-80-14 was considered as an emergency matter to address disenfranchisement of the votes of many Navajo voters by allowing them to vote again. Based on recommendation from the Navajo Election Administration, a special

1 run-off election was to be scheduled for June 2, 2015; and a special general election
2 was to be scheduled for August 4, 2015. By Res. CD-80-14, Navajo Election
3 Administration was requested to contact 2014 primary election candidates to
4 determine if they wish to file an application for candidacy for the Office of the
5 President.

6 E. The Navajo Election Administration has reported that it has not contacted the 2014
7 primary election candidates due to the filing of new court pleadings with the Navajo
8 Supreme Court.

9 F. Navajo leaders are receiving many communications about the need to resolve the
10 election of the President and many Navajo voters are expressing their desire to have
11 an election sooner than June 2015 and August 2015.

12 G. The continuing delay of the election is preventing or otherwise hindering the
13 installation of the next President of the Navajo Nation, causing the image of the
14 Navajo Nation to suffer, resulting in too many uncertainties; the delay also does not
15 allow for immediate planning by the Navajo Nation to continue basic essential
16 governmental services for the Navajo People.

17 H. Navajo Nation leadership have been “talking things out” to provide for the continued
18 leadership in the Office of the President and to resolve the election of a new
19 President while recognizing that many Navajo votes were disenfranchised. Several
20 pieces of legislation have been introduced to address the issue of disenfranchisement
21 of Navajo voters.

22 I. Res. CD-80-14 funded the special primary and general elections in the amount of
23 \$317,891.00 and required said funding should be expended and used for election(s)
24 scheduled pursuant to this legislation in conformance with budget documents.

25 J. The late filing of grievances, the different interpretations of the law and the late
26 decisions by the Office of Hearings and Appeals and the Navajo Nation Supreme
27 Court have contributed to the instability and confusion in the 2014 Navajo Nation
28 Election.

29 K. Joe Shirley, Jr., received the highest amount of votes in the 2014 Navajo Nation
30 primary election.

- 1 L. Although Russell Begaye finished third in the 2014 Navajo Nation primary election,
2 he was ordered by the Navajo Office of Hearings & Appeals and the Navajo Nation
3 Supreme Court to be a candidate in the for the Office of the President.
- 4 M. The inconsistencies in the Election Code may potentially violate due process rights
5 of candidates, deny the right to the equal protection of the law and infringe upon the
6 fundamental right of voters to select their own leaders. The right of Navajo People
7 to elect a leader of their choice should be respected.
- 8 N. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to resolve the issues, questions and
9 concerns about the Navajo Nation presidential election and to provide for the
10 installation of a new President sooner than what was called for in Res. CD-80-14.
- 11 O. Navajo Nation Council, as the representative body of the elected representatives of
12 the Navajo People, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 102(A), has the prerogative and the
13 authority to amend resolutions to provide for certain remedies and to enact
14 resolutions pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A).

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16 **Section Two. Amending and Modifying Res. CD-80-14.**

17 Navajo Nation Council resolution CD-80-14 is hereby amended and modified as
18 follows:

- 19 A. There shall only be one special election scheduled for March 24, 2015, to elect
20 the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation.
- 21 B. Joe Shirley, Jr., along with his choice for the Vice President, shall be a
22 pictured candidate on the ballot for the special election; and his previous
23 payment of a filing fee shall be sufficient and no further fee shall be required
24 of him.
- 25 C. Russell Begaye, along with his choice for the Vice President, shall be a
26 pictured candidate on the ballot for the special election; and his previous
27 payment of a filing fee shall be sufficient and no further fee shall be required
28 of him.
- 29 D. If the law existing at the time of the printing of the ballot allows for a write-in
30 candidate, a space shall be provided on the ballot for a write-in candidate. If

1 the write-in candidate paid his filing fee for the 2014 primary election, then
2 any filing fee as a write-in candidate for the special election shall be waived.
3 Otherwise, a fee of \$1,500.00 shall be required for any new write-in candidate.
4 The election shall be determined by plurality vote. The candidate receiving the
5 highest number of votes shall be declared the winner; no run-off election shall
6 be held.

7 E. Prior to the printing of the ballot for the March 24, 2015 special election, any
8 write-in candidate, cleared by the Navajo Election Administration to
9 participate, shall declare his choice for the Vice-President.

10 F. The amount of \$317,891.00 appropriated by Res. CD-80-14 shall be
11 appropriated and be used for the March 24, 2015 special election scheduled
12 pursuant to this legislation in conformance with budget documents inserted
13 hereto as Exhibit "A".

14 G. All other sections of Res. CD-80-14 are rescinded and shall have no legal
15 effect.

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17 **Section Three. Authorizing Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and the**
18 **Navajo Election Administration To Implement the Special Election.**

19 The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and the Navajo Election
20 Administration are hereby authorized to conduct the special Presidential general
21 election of March 24, 2015, for the purpose of electing and certifying a new President
22 and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation.

23 A. Poll officials used in the 2014 regular general election may be used as poll
24 officials for the special general election.

25 B. All precautions and necessary steps shall be taken to promptly send absentee
26 ballots to persons who have voted by absentee ballots in the 2014 election cycle.

27 C. Special provisions contained herein shall be consistently implemented, as much as
28 possible, with current Election Code provisions and the intent of this resolution.

29 D. Navajo Election Administration shall make arrangements for the public
30 announcement for the special election in Navajo and English languages.

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2 **Section Four. Effective Date**

3 These amendments are effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221(B).
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5 **Section Five. Saving Clause**

6 Should any provision of this action be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
7 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the
8 Navajo Nation Supreme Court, portions not determined invalid shall remain the law of
9 the Navajo Nation.
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THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

EXHIBIT

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|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| PART I. Business Unit No.: 101021 | | Program Title: Election Administration Office | | Division/Branch: Legislative | |
| Prepared By: Jonah Roanhorse | | Phone No.: 928-871-6367 | | Email Address: jonahroanhorse@navajonnsn.gov | |

| PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S) | | Fiscal Year Term | Amount | % of Total | PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY | | | (C) |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | 10/1/14 - 09/30/15 | 317,891.00 | 100% | Fund Type Code | NNC Approved Original Budget | Proposed Presidential Election Budget | Total (Column B - A) |
| | | | | | 2001 Personnel Expenses | 874,399 | 32,193 | 906,592 |
| | | | | | 3000 Travel Expenses | 78,418 | 5,176 | 83,594 |
| | | | | | 3500 Meeting Expenses | 148,394 | 101,200 | 249,594 |
| | | | | | 4000 Supplies | 110,102 | 140,474 | 250,576 |
| | | | | | 5000 Lease and Rental | 100,606 | 1,700 | 102,306 |
| | | | | | 5500 Communications and Utilities | 59,785 | | 59,785 |
| | | | | | 6000 Repairs and Maintenance | 11,160 | | 11,160 |
| | | | | | 6500 Contractual Services | | 2,948 | 2,948 |
| | | | | | 7000 Special Transactions | 110,974 | 34,200 | 145,174 |
| | | | | | 8000 Public Assistance | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 9000 Capital Outlay | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 9500 Matching Funds | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 9500 Indirect Cost | | | 0 |
| TOTAL: | | | | | | \$1,493,838.00 | 317,891.00 | 1,811,729 |


| PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES | | (D) | (E) |
|---|--|-----|-------|
| Total # of Positions Budgeted: | | 18 | N. A. |
| Total # of Permanently Assigned Vehicles: | | 6 | N. A. |

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|--------|--|--------------|------|
| TOTAL: | | \$317,891.00 | 100% |
|--------|--|--------------|------|

PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.



 SUBMITTED BY: Edison J. Wauneka, Executive Director / Date 11-12-14

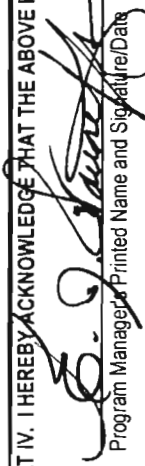



 APPROVED BY: Hon. Lorenzo Bates, Speaker Pro Tem / Date 11-18-14

THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: | | | | | | | | | |
| Business Unit No.: | 101021 | Program Name/Title: | | Election Administration Office | | | | | |
| PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION REFERENCE/LEGISLATED PROGRAM PURPOSE: | | AMENDED | | | | | | | |
| 2 NNC Sec 876 To implement and carryout provisions of the election code and conduct elections. | | | | | | | | | |
| PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Program Performance Area: | | 1st QTR | | 2nd QTR | | 3rd QTR | | 4th QTR | |
| Voter Turnout | | Goal | Actual | Goal | Actual | Goal | Actual | Goal | Actual |
| Goal Statement: | | | | | | | | | |
| To attain voter turnout for general election and special elections | | 67,500 | | 54,455 | | 225 | | 225 | |
| 2. Program Performance Area: | | | | | | | | | |
| Assist local officials | | | | | | | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | | | | | | | | |
| Provide information to chapter officials, delegates and other officials | | 1,676 | | 165 | | 40 | | 30 | |
| 3. Program Performance Area: | | | | | | | | | |
| Maintain data base | | | | | | | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | | | | | | | | |
| To register voters, provide information, change voter data | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | |
| 4. Program Performance Area: | | | | | | | | | |
| Statistical reporting | | | | | | | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | | | | | | | | |
| Reports to NN Council, Standing Committees, Oversight Committees, Chapters, general public | | 12 | | 116 | | 116 | | 12 | |
| 5. Program Performance Area: | | | | | | | | | |
| Assist NBOES | | | | | | | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative support, reports, resolutions, rules & regulations, code amendments | | 900 | | 111 | | 111 | | 111 | |
| PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED. | | | | | | | | | |
|  Program Manager's Printed Name and Signature/Date E. J. Kankia 11-12-14 | |  Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name and Signature / Date 11-14-14 | | | | | | | |

THE NAVAJO NATION DETAILED LINE ITEM BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

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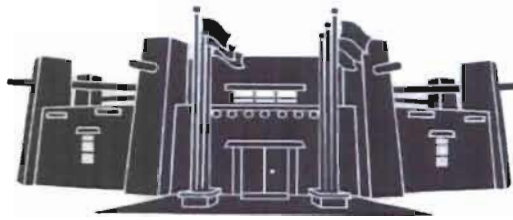
| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: | | | |
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| Program Name/Title: | | Election Administration Office | Business Unit No.: 101021 |
| PART II. DETAILED BUDGET: | | | |
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| Object Code (LOD #) | Object Code Description and Justification | Total by DETAILED Object Code | Total by MAJOR Object Code |
| 2001 PERSONNEL EXPENSES | | | 32,193 |
| 2310 | Temporary employees salary and fringe benefits. | | |
| 2320 | Person - Temporary Full Time | | |
| | Ten (10) Temporary Full Time positions at 320 hours each = \$29,577.60 | 29,578 | |
| 2900 | Fringe Benefits | | |
| | Temporary \$29,577.60 x 8.84% = \$2,614.66 | 2,615 | |
| 3000 TRAVEL EXPENSES | | | 5,176 |
| | Mileage for assigned vehicles and travel expenses for staff to tend to program and election activities. | | |
| 3110 | Fleet | | |
| 3113 | Mileage | | |
| | 5 B-II Vehicles x 1,200 mi. \$0.34/mi. = | 2,040 | |
| 3230 | Personal Travel | | |
| 3240 | Per Diem Meals | | |
| | \$46 x 8 staff x 7 days = | 2,576 | |
| 3250 | POV Mileage | | |
| | 1,000 mi. x \$0.56/mi. = | 560 | |
| 3500 MEETING EXPENSES | | | 101,200 |
| | Poll Officials stipends and training; mileage for CPJ's. | | |
| 3810 | Meetings | | |
| 3811 | Stipend - M/L | | |
| | 440 PO x \$180/ea. = | 79,200 | |
| | 110 CPJ x \$60/ea. = | 6,600 | |
| 3813 | Mileage | | |
| | 110 CPJ x 125 mi. x 2 RT x \$0.56/mi. = | 15,400 | |
| 4000 SUPPLIES | | | 140,474 |
| | Chapter office and operational supplies. Postage for absentee ballot mailouts. Printing of ballots, forms, envelopes, xeroxing, etc. | | |
| 4120 | Office Supplies | | |
| 4130 | General Office Supplies | | |
| | 110 chapters x \$50/ea. = | 5,500 | |
| | TOTAL | 144,068 | 279,043 |

THE NAVAJO NATION DETAILED LINE ITEM BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

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| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Program Name/Title: | | Election Administration Office | |
| | | Business Unit No.: | 101021 |
| PART II. DETAILED BUDGET: | | | |
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| Object Code (LOD 6) | Object Code Description and Justification | Total by DETAILED Object Code | Total by MAJOR Object Code |
| 4410 | SUPPLIES CONTD | | |
| | Operating Supplies | | |
| 4420 | Operational Supplies | 110 chptrs x \$200/ea. = | 22,000 |
| 4450 | Postage, Courier, Shipping | 1,500 absentee ballots x \$1.40/ea. = | 2,100 |
| 4530 | Printing/Binding/Photocopying | Ballots: 116,000 x 85% x \$1.09/ea. = Forms, envelopes, etc. Xeroxing: 20,000 x \$0.10/ea. = | 107,474 1,400 2,000 |
| 5300 | 5000 LEASE & RENTAL | | |
| | Rental of other space for election returns and equipment rental. | | |
| | Rental | | |
| 5350 | Other Space Rental | WR Sports Ctr. | 1,000 |
| 5360 | Equipment/Supplies | | |
| | Equipment Rental | PA System: | 700 |
| 6910 | 4000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | | |
| | Security services for crowd and fire compliance. | | |
| | Other Contractual Services | | |
| | Security Services | Security Guards: 8 x \$368.50/ea. = | 2,948 |
| 7410 | 7000 SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS | | |
| | Advertising through print and radio media. | | |
| | Media | | |
| 7440 | Print Advertising | \$2,250 x 4 ea. = | 9,000 |
| 7450 | Radio Advertising | 6 outlets x 168 spots x \$25 = | 25,200 |
| TOTAL | | 173,822 | 38,848 |



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Leonard Tsosie
Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM: 
Carolyn R. West, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 29, 2015

SUBJECT: OLC Service Request No. 15-179-3: An Action Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyáti', and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CD-80-14, Entitled "An Action Relating to an Emergency; to Address a Matter of Navajo Voter Disenfranchisement; and Providing for a Special Run-Off Election and a Special General Election for the Office of President"

As requested, I prepared the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of challenge. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure this is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

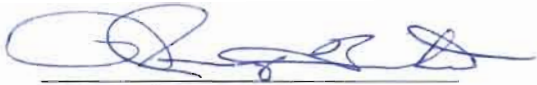
If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make.



January 29, 2015

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : 
Hon. LoRenzo C. Bates Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

SUBJECT : **ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION**

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. 0036-15

**RELATING TO NAA'BIK'IYATI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
AMENDING RESOLUTION CD-80-14, ENTITLED "AN ACTION RELATING TO AN
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DISENFRANCHISEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
AND A SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT".**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation; Legislation No. 0036-15 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. 0036-15

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)

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0036-15_

SPONSOR: Leonard Tsosie

TITLE: An Action Relating To NAA'BIK'IYATI' And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CD-80-14, Entitled "An Action Relating To An Emergency; To Address A Matter Of Navajo Voter Disenfranchisement; And Providing For A Special Run-Off Election And A Special General Election For Office Of President"

Date posted: January 29, 2015 at 7:10PM

Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov

Written comments may be mailed to:

**Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586**

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

Please note: This digital copy is being provided for the benefit of the Navajo Nation chapters and public use. Any political use is prohibited. All written comments received become the property of the Navajo Nation and will be forwarded to the assigned Navajo Nation Council standing committee(s) and/or the Navajo Nation Council for review. Any tampering with public records are punishable by Navajo Nation law pursuant to 17 N.N.C. §374 *et. seq.*

**THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

LEGISLATION NO.: 0036-15

SPONSOR: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

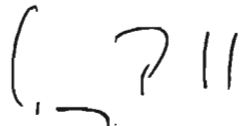
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Posted: January 29, 2015 at 7:10pm

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 3, 2015

Digital Comments received:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Comments Supporting | <i>None</i> |
| Comments Opposing (1) | 1. Natani Pete |
| Inclusive Comments (1) | 1. Anthony Allison |



**Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services**

2/4/2015 - 8:35 am

Date/Time

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Anthony Allison <allison_6@q.com>

Fri 1/30/2015 1:26 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

There needs to be provisions for write-in. We as voters should have a choice. Undesired candidates should not be pushed upon us.

Sent from my iPad

LEGISLATION NO: _0036-15__

Natani Pete <fourpete@gmail.com>

Tue 2/3/2015 11:57 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

To Council Delegates,

Good luck on your upcoming positions as council delegates. I commend you on the courage to step up to the plate within your communities. You will be challenged with tough decisions to make that will impact the future of the Navajo Nation. Thanks for all that you do.

I am writing to oppose legislation that will unnecessarily delay the election any further. The 22nd NNC and president made a mess of the election with the legislation that basically discarded the election we have in place and started over with a new election that would delay a new president by over 9 months. Let's continue with the election that is already underway. We had set of established rules that would ensure a qualified candidate would lead. All candidates and voters had access to these rules. No rule was hidden from the public. There should have been no surprises. All the votes counted and everyone was allowed to vote. Let's finish this election with these rules and laws. Let's not change the rules and laws in the middle of the election. Changing the rules in the middle of the election is a bad standard, unfair to qualified candidates, and could further delay this election.

Also let's continue to tell our children language is important and we are capable of learning it and speaking it fluently even if we are tested. I once read that lower standards at a school so more students can pass is a "dumb way to sound smart". Let's not lower the standard. Thanks for your time.

1LT Pete, Natani

1-66th AR BN, 3rd Armor Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Fort Carson, CO 80913

Tolixan Chapter House.