

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0042-19

DATE: February 19, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council by limiting announcements to written announcements, limiting the time for presentation of visiting guests and officials, permitting the reading of legislation into record by voice recording and allowing for the use of a consent schedule.

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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Budget and Finance Committee
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Law and Order Committee
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Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019


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AN ACTION

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COMMITTEE, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND
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ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. 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).
- B. 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,

1 sale, exchange and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources,
2 whether held in fee or trust status.” 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), 501 (B) (1).

3 C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
4 Nation Council. The Budget and Finance Committee shall exercises oversight
5 authority including but not limited to budget, finance, investment, bonds,
6 contracting, insurance, audits, accounting, taxes, loans, and Chapter budget
7 and finance. ” 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A), 300 (C).

8 D. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
9 Council. The Law and Order Committee, among other powers, is authorized
10 “to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on
11 proposed amendments to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code.” 2
12 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A), 601 (B)(14).

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

17 F. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and as
18 such has the authority to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the
19 conduct of its meetings and that of its committees. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A),(E).

20 21 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

22 A. Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation
23 Council, as amended, provides the “Order of Agenda Business[.]”

24 B. Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation
25 Council, as amended, provides for the “Reading of Legislation[.]”

26 C. In order to promote efficiency during standing committee meetings,
27 announcement should be limited to written announcements, the recognition of
28 guests and visiting officials should be limited to two minutes per delegate, the
29 rules should allow for the use of a consent agenda, and the reading of
30 legislation should include the use of electronic voice recording.

1 D. Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the
2 Navajo Nation Council, amendments to the Rules “shall become effective
3 upon adoption by the Navajo Nation Council, or at such time as may be
4 specified by the Navajo Nation Council.”

5 E. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is appropriate to amend Rules 8 and 9
6 for the reasons stated herein.

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8 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RULE 8 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR**
9 **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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11 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for
12 Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

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14 **RULES OF ORDER**
15 **FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**
16 **OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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18 **Rule 8. Order of Agenda Business:**

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20 A. The Order of Agenda Business for all Committee meetings shall be as follows:

- 21 1. Call meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Written Announcements
22 2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials (limit 2 minutes per Delegate)
23 3. Review and Adopt Agenda
24 4. Review and Adopt Journal
25 5. Receive Reports
26 6. Old Business
27 7. New Business
28 8. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment

29 B. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall prepare and submit a
30 proposed agenda to the Committee for review and final adoption. The agenda

1 shall allow for the inclusion of a consent schedule which is a listing of resolutions
2 that will likely be approved by unanimous consent of the Delegates in attendance.
3 The consent schedule shall be developed by the Chairperson upon request by any
4 Delegate with appropriate exhibits, reports, and other matters available for review
5 prior to the meeting. Items shall be removed from the consent schedule on the
6 request of any one committee member for any reason without debate. Items not
7 removed shall be adopted by unanimous consent without amendments or debate.
8 Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent schedule or
9 placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the committee.

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12 **SECTION FOUR. AMENDING RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING**
13 **COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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15 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for
16 Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

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18 **RULES OF ORDER**
19 **FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**
20 **OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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22 **Rule 9. Reading of Legislation:**

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24 A. All legislations shall be made a part of the official record of the Standing Committee
25 assigned as the final approval authority under 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (6) and shall be read into
26 the record twice. The first reading shall be of the legislation and reference the attached
27 exhibits. After the motion to adopt, debate and amendment, if any, a second reading shall be
28 conducted,. The second reading shall be limited only to those provisions or sections of the
29 legislation which have been amended. All readings shall be by the designated Office of
30 Legislative Services personnel assigned to the Committee or by electronic voice recording.

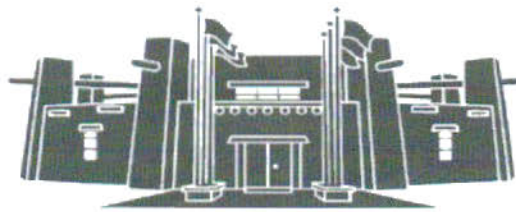
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2 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

3 The amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules
4 of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

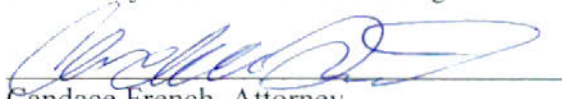
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6 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

7 Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
8 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the
9 Navajo Supreme Court, those provisions of the Act not determined invalid shall
10 remain the law of the Nation.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Amber K. Crotty
24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM: 
Candace French, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: February 19, 2019

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, 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 a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends 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 you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. 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 to the proposed resolution.

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Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
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Legislative Reporter
Office of Legislative Services

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