

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with oversight over the Legislative Branch and the responsibility and purpose "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations". 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) see also CO-45-12.
- B. As the result of issues and concerns encountered by the 22nd Navajo Nation Council related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and concerns carrying over to the 23rd and 24th Navajo Nation Councils, it is recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Two, as it relates to legislative matters, receive a comprehensive evaluation and dependent on the evaluation's outcome, recommended changes be provided to the Navajo Nation Council.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is authorized to establish the Title Two Reform subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) see also CO-45-12.

SECTION TWO. NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE
ESTABLISHMENT

- A. The 25th Navajo Nation Council establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation Council, if any, regarding the following:

1. Title 2, Section 164 legislative process;
 2. Navajo Nation Council and Standing Committee Rules of Order;
 3. Matters concerning standing committee structure and authority: increasing or decreasing the number of committees from the current four standing committee structure to address the needs of the Navajo Nation; addressing the quorum requirements of committees; setting committee meeting schedules to allow time to respond to constituent concerns; evaluating restrictions on Delegates to be on only one committee in light of potential increase in number of committees; evaluating recommendation delegation to programs and divisions; and other recommendations to the committee structure and authority that would provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo People; and
 4. Internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two (2) members from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten (10) members. Each Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two (2) of their members to be on the Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the respective committees shall provide the Speaker of the Navajo Nation written notice of their committee's selections.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson by majority vote at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- D. The Chairperson shall e-mail the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going Title Two drafts to all 25th Navajo Nation Council members.
- E. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.
- F. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by the 2023 Fall Session and shall present a final version for

consideration by the 2024 Winter Session of the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION THREE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM

The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.

SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- B. The Office of Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staff to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the respective funds.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's 2023 Fall Session to update the Delegates on the Subcommittee's work.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th 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 15 in Favor, and 03 Opposed, on this 25th day of May 2023.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

5/30/23

Date

Motion: Honorable Brenda Jesus
Second: Honorable Seth Damon

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

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Amd# to Amd#	New Business: Item D.
MOT Jesus, B	Legislation 0101-23:Establishing
SEC Damon, S	the 25th Navajo Nation Council
	Naabik'iyáti' Title Two ...

PASSED

Yeas : 15

Nays : 3

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 3

Yea : 15

Arviso, S
Aseret, L
Begay, H
Begay, N

Damon, S
Daniels, H
James, V
Jesus, B

Johnson, C
Nez, A
Parrish, S
Tolth, G

Tso, O
Yanito, C
Yazzie, C

Nay : 3

Slater, C

Crotty, A

Nez, R

Excused : 2

Claw, S

Simonson, G

Not Voting : 3

Notah, N

Simpson, D

Charles-Newton, E

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C