

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; EXTENDING
APPROVAL DATE FOR THE 2024-2028 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD
APPORTIONMENT PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The Navajo Nation Election Code empowers the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to establish apportionment plans for school boards for use in Navajo Nation Chapter Elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).
- C. The Navajo Nation Election Code provides, "[o]n or before the first Monday of November 2003 and every four years thereafter, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall set the size of each local community School Board and shall apportion the number of School Board seats among the Chapter or Chapters represented in each Local Community School Board." 11 N.N.C. §11(B).
- D. The Navajo Nation Election Code further provides that "[t]he Health, Education and Human Services Committee, for purposes of public comment or collecting data, may extend the time for approval of an apportionment plan. Should an extension be ordered, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if necessary, the opening filing period for elective school board positions." 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).
- E. The Navajo Nation Council permitted the Health, Education and Human Services committee "for the purposes of public comment or collecting data" to extend the time for approval of an apportionment plan. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B). Furthermore, "[s]hould an extension be ordered, the Navajo Nation Board of Election Supervisors shall adjust, if necessary, the opening filing period for elective school board positions. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

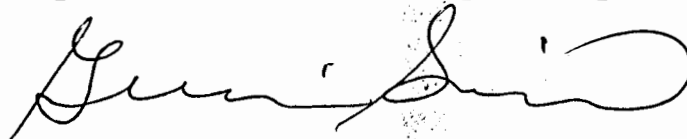
- A. In accordance with the Navajo Nation Election Code, the 2024-2028 Apportionment Plan for local community school boards must be approved no later than November 6, 2023. 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has determined additional time will be necessary to collect data and obtain public comment for the upcoming reapportionment cycle.
- C. Once adopted, will be effective for the 2024-2028 terms of office for all elective school board positions under the Navajo Election Code.

SECTION THREE. EXTENDING TIME FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee extends the date for the approval of the Navajo Nation 2024-2028 School Board Apportionment Plan in accordance with 11 N.N.C. § 11(B).
- B. Consistent with all other requirements of the Navajo Nation Election Code, the Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan for 2024-2028 shall be approved no later than March 25, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee 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 05 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 5th day of September 2023.



Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion by: George H. Tolth
Second by: Curtis Yanito

Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson not voting

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
September 5, 2023

Legislation No. 0218-23: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services;
Extending Approval Date for the 2024-2028 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

VOTE TALLY:

Amendment Motion:

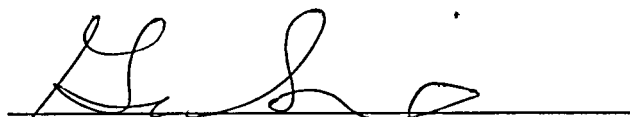
Motion: Honorable Andy Nez
Second: Honorable Helena Nez Begay
Vote: 5-0-1

Yea: Helena Nez Begay; Vince R. James; Andy Nez; George Tolth, Curtis Yanito
Nay:
Not Voting: Germain Simonson (Presiding Vice-Chairperson)
Excused:
Absent:

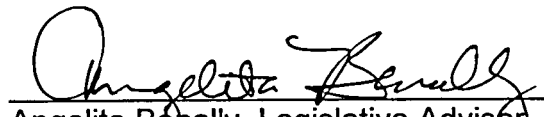
Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable George Tolth
Second: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Yea: Helena Nez Begay; Vince R. James; Andy Nez; George Tolth, Curtis Yanito
Nay:
Not Voting: Germain Simonson (Presiding Vice-Chairperson)
Excused:
Absent:
Vote: 5-0-1



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Angelita Behally, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
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