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# Legislative Update

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# Office of Legislative Counsel

The purpose of the Office of Legislative Counsel is to provide legal advice, legal representation and legislative services to the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees, commissions, and boards of the Navajo Nation Council, offices and programs of the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation, independent of the Department of Justice. 2 N.N.C. § 961

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Authorities, duties and responsibilities

- ❖ To provide legal representation to the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees, commissions and boards of the Navajo Nation Council, offices and programs of the Legislative Branch, independent of the Department of Justice, through Office of Legislative Counsel and outside counsel contracted by the Office of Legislative Counsel, to represent the legal interests of the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation

❖ 2 N.N.C. § 964(A)(5)

# Five Standing Committees

- Budget & Finance (BFC) 2 N.N.C. § 300 et seq.
- Health, Education & Human Services (HEHS) 2 N.N.C. § 400 et seq.
- Resources & Development (RDC) 2 N.N.C. § 500 et seq.
  - Law & Order (LOC) 2 N.N.C. § 600 et seq.
  - Naabik'iyáti' (NABI) 2 N.N.C. § 700 et seq.

- Navajo Nation Initiative
  - 88 Delegates to 24 Delegates
- CAP-10-11
  - Reflects changes from 88 to 24 including reduction in standing committees and modifies legislative process to include public comment and emergency legislation
- CO-45-12:
  - Reflects reduction to 24 and revised quorum and committee directives



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Helpful Information:

CD-68-89

Resolutions

❖C = Council

❖D = December

❖68 = 68<sup>th</sup> resolution of the year

❖89 = year (1989)

Examples:

LOCJY-14-18

RDCJN-56-18

BFAU-34-18

HEHSCF-04-18

NABIS-50-18

# Code Amendments

- ❑ Approving the “Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund Income Act” to Amend the Navajo Nation Code, Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 8, Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund, Section 1171 Establishment (A) and Section 1175 Definition of Principal and Income (A)(B) – CO-63-17, Override of Presidential Veto – CD-74-17



# Code Amendments

- ❑ Amending 2 N.N.C. § 164(B), Agreements not Requiring Committee or Council Approval – CJA-01-18
- ❑ Approving Amendments to 12 N.N.C. § 1176 of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund – CJA-02-18
- ❑ Amending 24 N.N.C. § 620 of the Navajo Nation Sales Tax; Allocating 1 Percent of the Sales Tax to Navajo Nation Fire and Rescue Services – CJA-07-18
- ❑ Amending the Navajo Nation Criminal Code at 17 N.N.C. §§ 203, 209, 303.01, 318 and 319 for Purposes of Addressing Cyberbullying – CJA-09-18

# Code Amendments

- ❑ Amending Navajo Nation Code Title 24 by Enacting the Uniform Local Tax Code – **CJA-12-18**
- ❑ Amending *Per Diem* Provision of 2 N.N.C. § 874(F) – **CAP-37-18**
- ❑ Approving “The Department of Diné Education Administrative Act of 2017”; Amending the Navajo Nation Code, Title 10, Chapter 1, Subchapter 2, Sections 106 and 107 Establishing Direct Administrative Responsibility Within the Department of Diné Education – **CAP-45-18**
- ❑ Enacting the Revenge Porn Act and Amending Title 17 Sex Offenses – **CAP-43-18**

# And more Code Amendments

- ❑ Amending Navajo Nation Code Title 2 Section 1033 by Establishing the Navajo veterans Housing Program within the NVA – **CJY-55-18**
- ❑ Amending Title 13 of Navajo Nation Code relating to dog and cat control and Title 3 relating to livestock– **CJY-64-18**
- ❑ Amending 2 N.N.C. Sections 1066-1067 and 17 N.N.C. Sections 101-104 Navajo nation Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification Act– **CJY-66-18**

# **Navajo Nation Council Fall Session 2018**



SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS – by statute, Standing Committees have final authority over certain matters.

- ❑ Amending the 2016-2020 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan – HEHSCS-23-17
- ❑ Approving an Amendment to the Navajo Nation Homesite Lease Regulations, RDCO-74-16, to Waive Fees, Penalties and Fines for Individuals Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age, or Older, and for Honorably Discharged Veterans – RDCMY-53-18
- ❑ Amending the Plan of Operation for Navajo Nation Police Department – LOCAP-08-18
- ❑ Establishing and Authorizing the Navajo Nation Genetics Policy Development Working Group to Develop a Genetics Research Policy for the Navajo Nation and Amendments to the Navajo Nation Human Research Code – NABIF-09-18
- ❑ Opposing the Closure of ONHIR – NABIMY-29-18
- ❑ Opposing Presidential Proclamation 9681 titled “Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument” – NABIMY-32-18

# Standing Committee Amendments



**NEW CODE SUPPLEMENTS ARE IN**



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The page title is "23rd Navajo Nation Council". The website's header features a banner with the Navajo Nation Council logo on the left, the text "23rd Navajo Nation Council" in the center, and a small illustration of a building on the right. Below the banner is a navigation menu with the following links: Home, Speaker, Council, News, Legislation, Committees, Meetings, and Directory. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a heading "Ya'at'eeh!" followed by a welcome message: "Welcome to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council. Thank you for visiting our website. As the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation, we want to give you the opportunity to stay in touch with your 24 Council Delegates." Below this is an "Audio Press Release" section featuring a microphone icon and the text "Suicide Awareness Message from Speaker LoRenzo Bates". The right column has an "Events" section with a calendar for September 2015. The calendar shows the days of the week (S, M, T, W, T, F, S) and the dates 1 through 30. Below the calendar is a "Links" section with the following links: Official Navajo Nation Website, Office of the President and Vice-President, Office of the Chief Justice, and Navajo Nation Washington Office. The footer of the page includes the date "09/17/15" and a small illustration of a building.

23rd Navajo Nation Council

Home Speaker Council News Legislation Committees Meetings Directory

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**Events**

September 2015

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**Press Releases**

09/17/15

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Speaker Lorenzo Bates - Spring Session Report 04/18/2016

### Press Releases

6/3/16  
Amendments to the Navajo Land Policy on Acquisition of Land and Trust Fund considered by the Resources and Development Committee

5/31/16  
Navajo Nation Council applauds the successful delivery of pipe to repair breach at Navajo Agricultural Products Industry

5/27/16  
Navajo Nation Council approves \$2 million for summer youth employment and enrichment programs

5/27/16  
Law and Order Committee advocates for additional funding for Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety

### Photo Gallery

### Links

- Official Navajo Nation Website
- Office of the President and Vice-President
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- Office of Navajo Government Development
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### Navajo Nation Code

Titles 1-26 and Amendments

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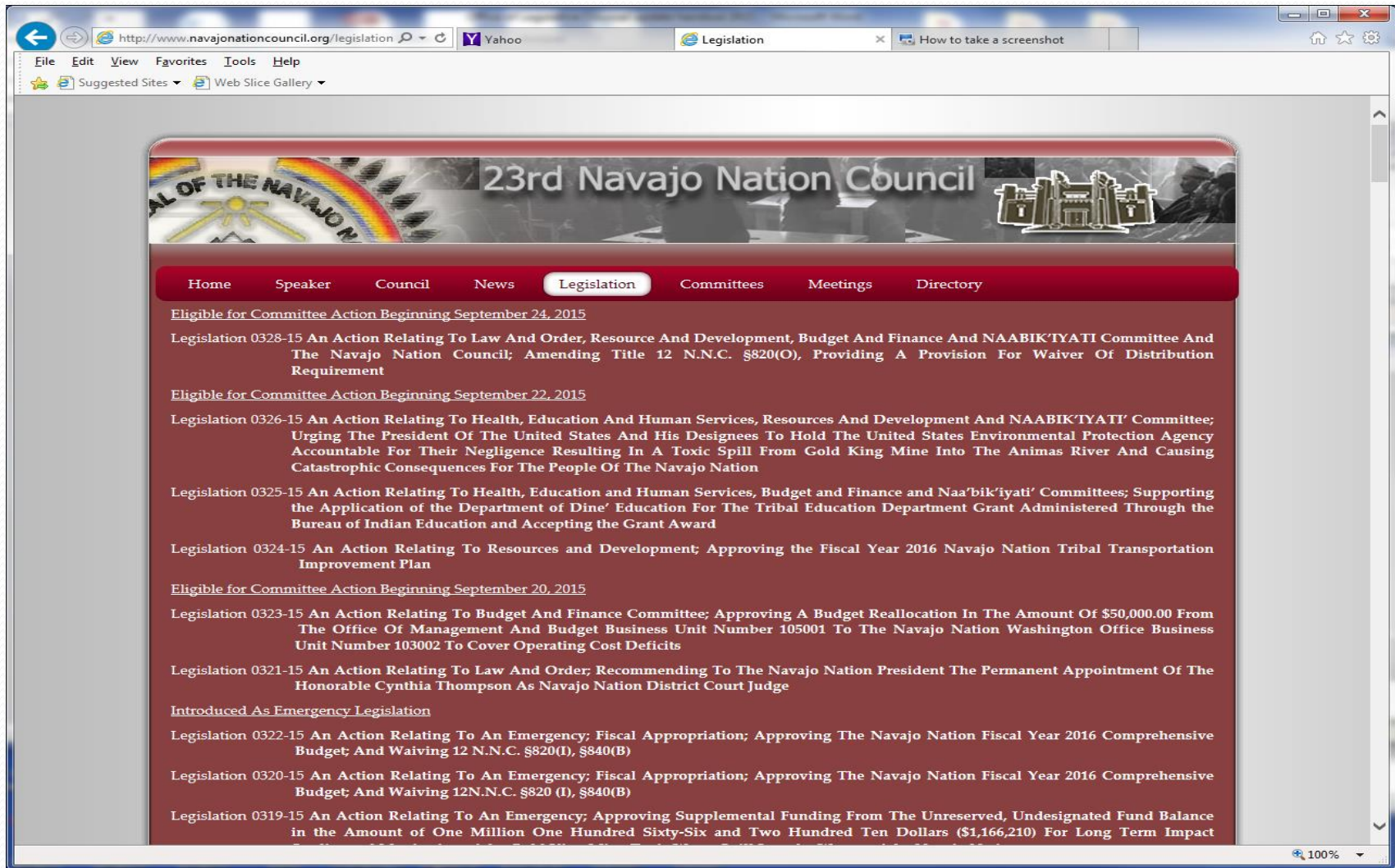
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06/02/2016, 09:44 am	0177-16	An Action Relating To Law And Order And Naabik'iyati' Committees And The Navajo Nation Council; Ame (...)	Jonathan Hale	Ready for Law & Order Committee (1 of 3)	<a href="#">View</a>
05/20/2016, 11:16 am	0178-16	An Action Relating To Resources And Development; Approving A Right-Of-Way And Temporary Constructio (...)	Jonathan Perry	Ready for Resources & Development Committee (1 of 1)	<a href="#">View</a>
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05/19/2016, 10:14 am	0176-16	An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee: (...)	Lee Jack Sr	In Resources & Development Committee (1 of 2)	<a href="#">View</a>
05/27/2016, 11:15 am	0175-16	An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Naabik'iyati' and t (...)	Jonathan Hale	In Health Education & Human Services Committee (1 of 4)	<a href="#">View</a>
03/29/2016, 03:11 pm	0174-16	An Action Relating to Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyati' Committees; Opposing the Passage of S.B. (...)	Jonathan Hale	In Budget & Finance Committee (1 of 2)	<a href="#">View</a>



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23rd Navajo Nation Council

Home Speaker Council News **Legislation** Committees Meetings Directory

Eligible for Committee Action Beginning September 24, 2015

Legislation 0328-15 An Action Relating To Law And Order, Resource And Development, Budget And Finance And NAABIK'YATI Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 12 N.N.C. §820(O), Providing A Provision For Waiver Of Distribution Requirement

Eligible for Committee Action Beginning September 22, 2015

Legislation 0326-15 An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services, Resources And Development And NAABIK'YATI' Committee; Urging The President Of The United States And His Designees To Hold The United States Environmental Protection Agency Accountable For Their Negligence Resulting In A Toxic Spill From Gold King Mine Into The Animas River And Causing Catastrophic Consequences For The People Of The Navajo Nation

Legislation 0325-15 An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services, Budget And Finance And Naa'bik'iyati' Committees; Supporting The Application Of The Department Of Dine' Education For The Tribal Education Department Grant Administered Through The Bureau Of Indian Education And Accepting The Grant Award

Legislation 0324-15 An Action Relating To Resources And Development; Approving The Fiscal Year 2016 Navajo Nation Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan

Eligible for Committee Action Beginning September 20, 2015

Legislation 0323-15 An Action Relating To Budget And Finance Committee; Approving A Budget Reallocation In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 From The Office Of Management And Budget Business Unit Number 105001 To The Navajo Nation Washington Office Business Unit Number 103002 To Cover Operating Cost Deficits

Legislation 0321-15 An Action Relating To Law And Order; Recommending To The Navajo Nation President The Permanent Appointment Of The Honorable Cynthia Thompson As Navajo Nation District Court Judge

Introduced As Emergency Legislation

Legislation 0322-15 An Action Relating To An Emergency; Fiscal Appropriation; Approving The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Budget; And Waiving 12 N.N.C. §820(I), §840(B)

Legislation 0320-15 An Action Relating To An Emergency; Fiscal Appropriation; Approving The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Budget; And Waiving 12N.N.C. §820 (I), §840(B)

Legislation 0319-15 An Action Relating To An Emergency; Approving Supplemental Funding From The Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance In The Amount Of One Million One Hundred Sixty-Six And Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,166,210) For Long Term Impact

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