

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year 2011**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'IYATI', APPROVING THE  
AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION ACT OF 2011**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**Section 1. Findings**

A. The number of delegates to the Navajo Nation Council was reduced from 88 to 24 members by an initiative vote of the Navajo voters. Accordingly, it is necessary to reduce the number of delegates to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission to correspond to the lower number of delegates representing areas affected by the unimpeded.

B. The function and purposes of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission will remain the same.

C. The Navajo Nation Council determines these amendments to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

**Section 2. Enactment of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Act of 2011**

The Navajo Nation hereby enacts the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Act of 2011.

**Section 3. Amendments to Title Two**

The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 2, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, Navajo Nation Code, as follows:

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NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED  
TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT  
CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
SUBCHAPTER 11. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
ARTICLE 1. NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION

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**§ 852. Membership; selection; Chairperson and Vice chairperson;  
term of office; ex-officio**

A. The Commission shall consist of ~~eleven~~ eight regular voting members and two ex-officio members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council with the approval of the ~~Intergovernmental Relations~~ Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as deemed appropriate to provide advisory input citizens, professionals, federal and other non-elected sources.

B. The Commission shall consist of:

1. ~~Eleven~~ Eight voting members of the Navajo Nation Council representing areas affected by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute.

2. All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Intergovernmental Relations~~ Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

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**§ 854. Meetings**

Meetings shall be held on the call of the Chairperson of the Commission, the President of the Navajo Nation, or upon written request of any ~~six~~ five members of the Commission. At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of ~~six~~ five members.

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**Section 3. Effective Date**

The Act enacted herein shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.

**Section 4. Codification**

The provisions of this ordinance which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

**Section 5. Saving Clause**

Should any provisions of this ordinance be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this ordinance which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 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 18 in favor and 2 opposed, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

Johnny Naize, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

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Date

Motion: Alton Joe Shepherd  
Second: Danny Simpson

**ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:**

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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Ben Shelly, President  
Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

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Ben Shelly, President  
Navajo Nation