

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0134-15

**DATE:** April 16, 2015

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 57, GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE NATION'S PROPERTY

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to amend 2 N.N.C. §57.

**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.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: None  
Website Posting Time/Date: 5:05pm 4/24/15  
Posting End Date: 4/29/2015  
Eligible for Action: 4/30/2015

Law & Order Committee

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Budget & Finance Committee

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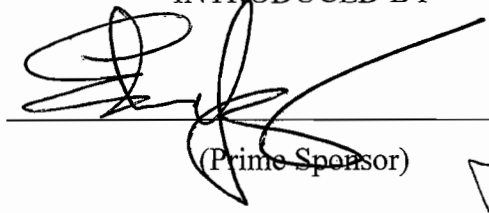
Naa'biik'iyáti' Committee

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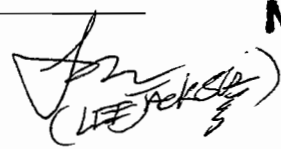
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)



TRACKING NO. 0134-15

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 57, GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING  
THE NATION'S PROPERTY

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Findings**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Law and Order Committee (LOC) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and, as such, empowered LOC to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed Navajo Nation Code amendments and enactments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 600 (A), 601 (B)(14) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and, as such, empowered B&F to conduct oversight of the Office of the Controller's functions. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 300 (A), 301 (B)(13) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.

- 1 D. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments or amendments of  
2 positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.
- 3 E. Elected officials were chosen by the Navajo People “to preserve, protect and  
4 enhance the Diné Life Way and sovereignty of the [P]eople and their government...”  
5 1 N.N.C. Chapter 2, ¶ 3.
- 6 F. Elected officials give considerable time and commitment to the Navajo Nation  
7 government in service to the People while often foregoing personal commitments to  
8 family and relatives, spending numerous hours in travel both on and off the Navajo  
9 Nation, and attending the various meetings to gather information to make informed  
10 decisions for constituents.
- 11 G. During the elected officials’ time in office they are issued Navajo Nation property to  
12 aid in accomplishing their elected duties including home furnishing and related items  
13 for the President, Vice-President and Speaker, and communication equipment for  
14 Council Delegates so each may stay in touch with the People.
- 15 H. Upon leaving office, the elected officials return the Navajo Nation property to  
16 Navajo Nation Property Management.
- 17 I. The Navajo Nation elected officials, in providing public service, make constant use  
18 of the Navajo Nation property issued to them and after their public service is  
19 complete that property should stay with the public official, with conditions, as both  
20 in gratitude for their service and so they may retain the information they created as a  
21 public servant.
- 22 J. To recognize the gratitude for the public service of the President, Vice-President,  
23 Speaker and Navajo Nation Council Delegates it is necessary to amend 2 N.N.C. §  
24 57.

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26 **Section Two. Amending Navajo Nation Code Title 2**

27 The Navajo Nation Council amends 2 N.N.C. § 57 as follows:  
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1                                   **NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED**  
2                                   **TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**  
3                                   **CHAPTER 1. ESTABLISHMENT**  
4                                   **SUBCHAPTER 2. PROPERTY CONTROL**

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6           **§ 57. General provision concerning the Nation's property**

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8           C. The sale, gift, loan, exchange, or other disposition of any of the Navajo Nation's  
9           property, not specifically authorized by regulations ~~or other directives issued by the~~  
10           ~~Navajo Nation Council~~, is illegal. Navajo Nation President, Navajo Nation Vice-  
11           President, and/or Navajo Nation Council Delegates may purchase officially issued  
12           Navajo Nation property at fair market value upon the Budget and Finance  
13           Committee's recommendation to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. Navajo Nation  
14           property is defined in 2 N.N.C. § 56.

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16           **Section Three. Codification**

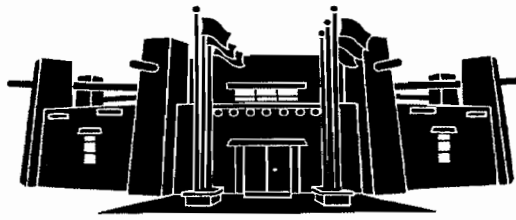
17           The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation  
18           Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative  
19           Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions into the next codification or  
20           supplement of the Navajo Nation Code.

21           **Section Four. Savings Clause**

22           Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
23           Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo  
24           Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo  
25           Nation.


26           **Section Five. Effective Date**

27           The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accord with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Edmund Yazzie  
Navajo Nation Council Delegate

**FROM:**   
Carolyn R. West-Taylor, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** April 17, 2015

**SUBJECT:** OLC Service Request No. 15-355-1: An Act Relating Law and Order, Budget and Finance, Naabik'íyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provisions Concerning the Nation's Property

As requested, I prepared the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, 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 challenge. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure this is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

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.

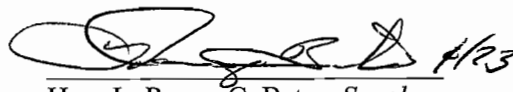


April 22, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO : Honorable Members  
Law and Order Committee  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Naa'bik'iyati' Committee  
Navajo Nation Council

FROM :

  
Hon. LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

SUBJECT : ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION

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Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Law and Order Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Naa'bik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council;

**Legislation No. 0134-15**

**RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAA'BIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 57, GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE NATION'S PROPERTY.**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation, Legislation No. 0134-15 must be placed on the Law and Order Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Legislation No. 0134-15

xc: Hon. Ben Shelly, *President*  
The Navajo Nation  
Harrison Tsosie, *Attorney General*  
Robert Willie, *Controller*  
Dominic Beyer, *Executive Director, OMB*  
Honorable Edmund Yazzie, Council Delegate (*Prime Sponsor*)

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0134-15\_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR: Edmund Yazzie

**TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Budget And Finance, Naabik'iyati' And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provisions Concerning The Nation's Property**

**Date posted: April 24, 2015 at 5:08pm**

**Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov**

**Written comments may be mailed to:**

**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

**Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.**

**Please note:** This digital copy is being provided for the benefit of the Navajo Nation chapters and public use. Any political use is prohibited. All written comments received become the property of the Navajo Nation and will be forwarded to the assigned Navajo Nation Council standing committee(s) and/or the Navajo Nation Council for review. Any tampering with public records are punishable by Navajo Nation law pursuant to 17 N.N.C. §374 *et. seq.*

**THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

**LEGISLATION NO.: 0134-15**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie**

**TITLE: Relating To Law And Order, Budget And Finance, Naabik'iyati' And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provisions Concerning The Nation's Property.**

**Posted: April 24, 2015 at 5:08 PM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: April 29, 2015**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<b>1. Ben Manuelito; Department Manager III, Fleet Management.</b>
<b>Inclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>



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**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services**

4/30/2015 - 9:50 AM

**Date/Time**



**Legislation 0134-15**

Name: Ben Manuelito

email: benmanuelito@navajo-nsn.gov

Position Title: Department Manager III

Department: Fleet Management, P. O. Box 608, Window Rock, AZ 86515

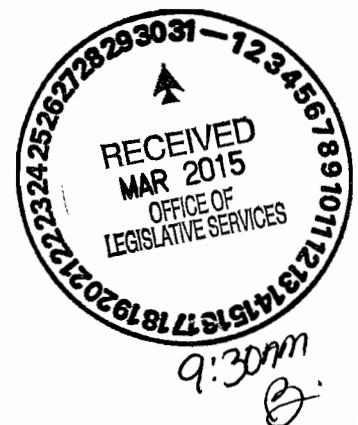
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COMMENT

The sale, gift, loan, exchange, or other disposition of any of the Nation's property, not specifically authorized by regulation is illegal. Fleet Management does not support allowing the Navajo Nation President, Navajo Nation Vice-President, and/or Navajo Nation Council Delegates the opportunity to purchase officially issued Navajo Nation property at fair market value upon the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to the Naabik'iyat' Committee for Navajo Nation property defined in 2 N.N.C. § 56.

Non-expendable property includes vehicles and all Navajo Nation owned vehicles are assigned to Navajo Nation divisions, departments, programs, and Branches for use to conduct official Navajo Nation business, see 2 N.N.C. § 3555 A., and Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Operator's Handbook, Chapter 4 Vehicle Assignments, 4.1. The vehicles are not assigned to any specific individual or individuals. Additionally, if an opportunity to purchase a vehicle based on proposed legislation #0134-15, is allowed, this will create budgetary challenges to the various Navajo Nation divisions, departments, programs, and Branches left without a vehicle to conduct official Navajo Nation business.

Moreover, the Navajo Nation Council in adopting the current fiscal year 2015 budget included a condition of appropriation, #12, whereby the Office of the Controller, Property Management Department, (B.U. #107021) was to present a plan for the sale of equipment, vehicles and property to the public to its oversight committee by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. 2 N.N.C. § 57 allows for regulations to be adopted and Property Management must propose a set of regulations to control the manner in which property can be sold. Additionally, before Property Management Department can proceed with any plan, an approved plan of operation for Property Management must be completed.



## **Ben Manuelito**

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**From:** Ben Manuelito  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 5:22 PM  
**To:** Tom Platero  
**Subject:** Legislation 0134-15  
**Attachments:** Comment Legislation 0134-15 Apr 29 2015.pdf

Tom, attached is comment for proposed legislation 0135-15, please include with Legislation Packet, thank you.

Ben Manuelito  
Fleet Management  
PH: 928.871.6425  
[www.fleet.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.fleet.navajo-nsn.gov)

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FIRST YEAR 2015**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

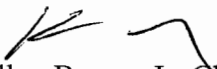
Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation # 0134-15:** An Action relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, NAABIK'IYATI' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provision concerning the Navajo's Property

Has had it under consideration and reports the matter as DO PASS with no amendments and thereafter the matter will be referred to the **Budget and Finance Committee**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kee Allen Begay, Jr, Chair Pro Temp.  
Law and Order Committee of the  
23<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Motion: Honorable Otto Tso

Second: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

VOTE: 2-0

**NOTE: A quorum of 3 members were present**

**23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

First Year 2015

Mr. Speaker:

The **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned

**NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL # 0134-15:**


An Act Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, Naabikiyati Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provisions Concerning the Nation's Property *Sponsored by Edmund Yazzie and Lee Jack, Sr., Council Delegate*

has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that It **Do Pass** without amendment.

And therefore, referred to the **NAABIKIYATI** Committee

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Seth Damon, Chairman

Adopted:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Legislative Advisor

Not Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legislative Advisor

**2 June 2015**

The vote was **2** in favor **1** opposed  
Absent: Mel R. Begay



**NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT**  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL---FIRST YEAR 2015

**LEGISLATION 0134-15**

Introduced by the Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.

An Act relating To Law And Order, Budget And Finance, Naa'bik'iyati' Committee And The Navajo Nation Council;  
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**TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL:**

The Naabik'iyati Committee, to whom has been referred Legislation 0134-15, has had it under consideration and reports a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation with **no amendments**.

Thence **REFERRED TO THE NAVJAO NATION COUNCIL** on this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2015.

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred  
Second: Honorable Leonard Tsosie  
Vote: 5-11-0



## RECORD OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL ACTION

23<sup>RD</sup> Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015

### LEGISLATION 0134-15

Introduced by the Honorable Edmund Yazzie

An Act relating To Law And Order, Budget And Finance, Naa'bi'iyati' Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 57, General Provisions Concerning The Nation's Property.

The Navajo Nation Council, to whom has been referred Legislation 0134-15, has had it under consideration and at the request of the sponsor, reports a **FAILED** legislation on this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July, 2015

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker  
23<sup>rd</sup> Nava jo Nation Council

Main Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred  
Second: Honorable Benjamin Bennett  
Vote: 3 in favor, 17 opposed, and 0 abstained