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Government Services Committee passes Diné College Board of Regents Act of 2010

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Diné College Board of Regents Act of 2010, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson (Huerfano), passed the Government Services Committee with a vote of 6-0 during a regular scheduled meeting on July 27.

Honorable Simpson said the committee had agreed to draft the Diné College Board of Regents Act of 2010, which amends Title 10 of the Navajo Nation Code for the best interest of students, faculty, and administration at Diné College. On April 27, the committee took action and removed three members from the eight-member Board of Regents.

"This legislation or Act is upon the recommendation of the committee," Simpson said, adding that the committee had selected him to sponsor the legislation. "When we met on this issue three members were removed from the Board of Regents and after they were removed, the recommendation of the committee was to take a position."

The position Simpson refers to is amending Title 10 through the Diné College Board of Regents Act of 2010. Major changes to Title 10, include: changing the appointment of five members of the Board of Regents to elected positions, amending the minimum age requirement to 25 years old and implementing a four year term limit. The election of board members would also address the unfilled vacancies of appointed positions.

"The people will have the opportunity to decide who represents them as Board of Regents agency-wide," said Simpson.

Ad hoc positions, however, would be exempt from becoming elected positions. These positions include the Chairperson of the Education Committee or the committee's designee, the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools and the student body president of Diné College.

Simpson's piece of legislation still needs approval from the Education Committee, full Council and President Shirley's signature before becoming law.

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