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FORUM ON PROPOSTION 200 TO BE HELD

Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan announced a forum on the Proposition 200 identification requirements for Arizona state voters to be held on March 6, 2006, at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Ariz., beginning at 6:30 p.m. The educational forum will provide information to interested citizens on the new requirements that were voted into law with Proposition 200 in November 2004 in the state of Arizona.

Following the forum, the Navajo Nation will be seeking Navajo members who do not have a photo identification with a name and address and who are registered voters in Arizona. Attorneys and staff from the Council have set aside two days specifically to interview such individuals on March 7 at the Speaker's office in Window Rock, and on March 8 at the Western Agency Election Office in Tuba City.

In the state of Arizona, voters are now required to show picture identification or certain documents in the absence of a picture I.D. The new requirements are extremely confusing and will be cumbersome for many voters. The law is identified as "The Arizona Taxpayer and Citizenship Protection Act," and its proponents argued that it was drafted to address economic hardship caused by illegal immigration in Arizona. However, the requirements of the Act have the effect of making it more difficult to register to vote and vote in Arizona.

For more information on the forum or to request an interview, please contact Leila Help-Tulley at the Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7160.

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