

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1065  
(Legislative Council)  
(Judiciary Committee)  
(Representatives Kretschmar, Nottestad)  
(Senators W. Stenehjem, Traynor, LaFountain)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 1-03-05 and subsection 1 of section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to acts performed on Saturdays and business days.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**1-03-05. Act due on Saturday or holiday performed on next day.** Whenever an act of a secular nature, other than a work of necessity or mercy, is appointed by law or contract to be performed upon a particular day, ~~which that~~ falls upon a Saturday or a holiday, ~~such the~~ act may be performed upon the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. a. A request of the secretary of state for approval of a petition to initiate or refer a measure may be presented over the signatures of the sponsoring committee on individual signature forms that have been notarized. The secretary of state shall prepare a signature form that includes provisions for identification of the measure; the printed name, signature, and address of the committee member; and notarization of the signature.
- b. Upon receipt of a petition to initiate or refer a measure, the secretary of state shall draft a short and concise statement ~~which must that~~ fairly ~~represent~~ represents the measure. The statement must be submitted to the attorney general for approval or disapproval. An approved statement must be affixed to the petition before it is circulated for signatures, must be called the "ballot title", and must be placed immediately before the full text of the measure.
- c. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall complete their review of a petition in not less than five, nor more than seven, business days, excluding Saturdays.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1065.

House Vote:      Yeas    96      Nays    0      Absent    2

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46      Nays    0      Absent    3

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State