

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2062

Introduced by

Senator Lips

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-25-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to appointments to fill vacancies in judicial offices.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-25-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **27-25-04. Governor to appoint or call special election.** Within thirty days after
7 receipt of the list of nominees, the governor shall do any of the following:

8 1. Fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of nominees submitted by the
9 committee. ~~The appointment continues only until the next general election, when~~
10 ~~the office must be filled by election for the remainder of the term.~~

11 2. Return the list of nominees and direct the committee to reconvene.

12 3. Call a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

13 If the governor determines to call a special election to fill the vacancy, the governor shall issue
14 a writ of election to the auditors of the counties in the district in which the district vacancy
15 occurs commanding them to notify the boards of election in the counties to hold a special
16 election at a time designated by the governor. If the governor determines to call a special
17 election within sixty days of the time of the next general election, the special election must be
18 held at the same time as the general election.