

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1388

Introduced by

Representatives Tollefson, Timm, Wald, Freier

Senators Mutch, Naaden

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-17-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the legal counsel for the industrial commission.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-17-03. Chairman and attorney - Secretary - Employees - Compensation -**  
7 **Bonds.** The governor is the chairman of the industrial commission, and its attorney is the  
8 attorney general. However, with regard to matters in which the attorney general has, or may  
9 have, the right to vote as a member of the industrial commission the attorney general may not  
10 serve as attorney for the commission and the commission must retain independent legal  
11 counsel. In the transaction of its general business, the commission shall appoint a secretary  
12 and may employ other subordinate officers, employees, and agents, on such terms as it may  
13 deem proper and as, in its judgment, the public interests may require. The commission may  
14 require suitable bonds of its secretary or other subordinate officers, employees, or agents. It  
15 shall fix the amount of the compensation of each person so engaged. The compensation,  
16 together with other expenditures for operation and maintenance of the general business of the  
17 commission, must remain within the appropriation available in each year for such purpose.