

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Dorso, Skarphol

Senators LaFountain, Mathern, G. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the publication of false information in political advertisements; and to provide a  
3 penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **16.1-10-04. Publication of false information in political advertisements - Penalty.**

8 ~~No~~ A person, political party, or political committee may not knowingly sponsor ~~any~~ a political  
9 advertisement or news release that contains ~~any~~ an assertion, representation, or statement of  
10 fact, including information concerning a candidate's prior public record, which the sponsor  
11 knows to be untrue, deceptive, or misleading, whether on behalf of or in opposition to ~~any~~ a  
12 candidate for public office, initiated measure, referred measure, constitutional amendment, or  
13 any other issue, question, or proposal on an election ballot, and whether ~~such~~ the publication is  
14 by radio, television, newspaper, pamphlet, folder, display cards, signs, posters or billboard  
15 advertisements, or by any other public means. Any person ~~who~~ who, political party, or political  
16 committee that violates ~~the provisions of~~ this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.