

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1296

Introduced by

Representative Kretschmar

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to legislative redistricting requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-01.5 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-01.5. Legislative ~~apportionment~~ redistricting requirements.** A legislative
7 ~~apportionment~~ redistricting plan based on any census taken after ~~1989~~ 1999 must meet the
8 following requirements:

- 9 1. The senate must consist of forty-nine members and the house must consist of
10 ninety-eight members.
- 11 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, one senator and two representatives must be
12 apportioned to each senatorial district. Representatives may be elected at large or
13 from subdistricts, except representatives must be elected from subdistricts in
14 districts having a geographical area of three thousand square miles or more.
- 15 3. Multimember senate districts providing for two senators and four representatives
16 are authorized only when a proposed single member senatorial district includes a
17 federal facility or federal installation, containing over two-thirds of the population of
18 the proposed single member senatorial district.
- 19 4. Legislative districts and subdistricts must be compact and of contiguous territory.
- 20 5. Legislative districts must be as nearly equal in population as is practicable.
21 Population deviation from district to district and subdistrict to subdistrict must be
22 kept at a minimum. The total population variance of all districts, ~~and subdistricts if~~
23 ~~created~~, from the average district population and average subdistrict population
24 may not exceed recognized constitutional limitations.