

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judiciary Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 1-03-05 and subsection 1 of section 16.1-01-09
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to acts performed on Saturdays and business days.

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

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

6 **1-03-05. Act due on holiday performed on next day.** Whenever an act of a secular
7 nature, other than a work of necessity or mercy, is appointed by law or contract to be performed
8 upon a particular day, ~~which~~ that falls upon a Saturday or a holiday, ~~such~~ the act may be
9 performed upon the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed upon
10 the day appointed.

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

13 1. a. A request of the secretary of state for approval of a petition to initiate or refer
14 a measure may be presented over the signatures of the sponsoring
15 committee on individual signature forms that have been notarized. The
16 secretary of state shall prepare a signature form that includes provisions for
17 identification of the measure; the printed name, signature, and address of the
18 committee member; and notarization of the signature.

19 b. Upon receipt of a petition to initiate or refer a measure, the secretary of state
20 shall draft a short and concise statement ~~which must~~ that fairly ~~represent~~
21 represents the measure. The statement must be submitted to the attorney
22 general for approval or disapproval. An approved statement must be affixed
23 to the petition before it is circulated for signatures, must be called the "ballot
24 title", and must be placed immediately before the full text of the measure.

- 1 c. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall complete their review of
- 2 a petition in not less than five, nor more than seven, business days, excluding
- 3 Saturdays.