

**SENATE BILL NO. 2222**

Introduced by

Senators Heitkamp, DeMers, Kelsh

Representatives Cleary, Gulleason, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 26.1-17-33.1 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the board of directors of a nonprofit mutual insurance  
3 company.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 26.1-17-33.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the  
6 North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this title or chapter 10-33, the board of  
8 directors of a nonprofit mutual insurance company consists of a majority of  
9 consumer members elected by the consumer members. Except for an incumbent  
10 consumer board member running for reelection, a consumer member seeking  
11 nomination as a candidate for consumer director shall submit a petition containing  
12 one hundred signatures of members on a petition form designated by the nonprofit  
13 mutual insurance company. The petition form must be available at least ninety  
14 days before an election. To be valid, a completed petition must be filed with the  
15 nonprofit mutual insurance company at least forty-five days before the election.  
16 The election must be conducted by mail and use of a proxy or a proxy committee is  
17 not allowed. Each consumer director's term must be at least three years unless  
18 election is to a vacant position, in which case the term of office is the unexpired  
19 portion of the term being filled. A consumer director may not serve more than  
20 three successive three-year terms.