

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1045  
(Legislative Council)  
(Judiciary Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to correct placement of a reference to a city band levy; to amend and reenact sections 1-04-09, 1-08-08, 4-24-10, 9-10-06, subsection 10 of section 10-04-06, sections 10-06.1-12, 10-06.1-13, 10-19.1-05, subsections 3, 4, and 5 of section 10-19.1-10, sections 10-19.1-11, 10-19.1-23, subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-61, subsections 2 and 3 of section 10-19.1-75.2, subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-99, subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-100, subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-101, subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-103, subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-106, subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-108, sections 10-19.1-110.1, 10-19.1-112, 10-19.1-113.1, 10-19.1-129, 10-30-05, subsection 1 of section 10-30.1-04, section 10-30.5-04, subsections 2, 3, and 4 of section 10-32-07, subdivision b of subsection 5 of section 10-32-56, subsection 4 of section 10-32-107, subdivision j of subsection 5 of section 10-33-06, subsection 24 of section 10-33-21, subsection 3 of section 11-10.2-01, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-15, section 16.1-01-07, subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-01, sections 18-08-12, 20.1-08-04.6, 21-10-06, subsection 2 of section 23-06.4-03, subsection 2 of section 23-06.5-10, subsection 12 of section 25-03.1-02, sections 26.1-17-02, 26.1-17-33, subsection 1 of section 26.1-18.1-02, subsection 1 of section 26.1-19-04, sections 26.1-49-03, 28-04-05.1, 29-12-05, 30.1-15-02, 30.1-29-26, 32-03-36, 36-01-08.1, 37-15-16, 37-15-17, 37-15-21, 38-08.1-03, subsection 3 of section 38-08.1-03.1, sections 40-51.2-05, 40-57.1-05, subsection 4 of section 41-09-16, sections 42-04-01, 43-07-19, subsection 10 of section 43-17-02, subsection 1 of section 43-17.1-06, subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 45-10.1-02, section 47-10.1-02, subsection 1 of section 47-15.1-03, subsection 3 of section 50-06-01.8, section 51-14-03.2, subsection 5 of section 53-06.2-11, subsection 1 of section 54-40-01, section 57-15-08, subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-35.3-05, sections 61-04.1-13, 61-04.1-14, 61-21-47, and 61-35-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to technical corrections and improper, inaccurate, redundant, missing, or obsolete references; and to repeal sections 10-19.1-03, 10-19.1-131, 14-02.1-06, 28-32-22, and chapter 61-24.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obsolete provisions.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**1-04-09. Curing defects in title to real property.** Any corporation organized otherwise than under the laws of this state, having acquired, or attempted to acquire, or to convey legal title by deed or lease to any real property in this state, before complying with the provisions of ~~chapter 10-22 of title 10~~ North Dakota law governing foreign corporations, which prior to July 1, 1959, has complied with ~~said chapter~~, shall be and hereby those laws is relieved from any disability ~~provided in said chapter~~ or prohibition therein contained, so far as said statute relates relating to the acquisition and holding of the property so acquired, or attempted to be acquired, and the title so acquired, or attempted to be acquired, hereby is confirmed.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 1-08-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**1-08-08. Validation of land titles acquired by corporations prior to before March 7, 1935.** The title and ownership of any real estate acquired in any manner by any domestic or foreign corporation after July 29, 1932, and ~~prior to before~~ March 7, 1935, is hereby declared to be valid for all purposes, subject, however, to ~~all of the provisions contained in chapter 40-06~~ 10-06.1.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-24-10 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4-24-10. Agricultural commodity promotion groups to report to legislative assembly - Report contents.** Between the first and tenth legislative day of each regular legislative session, the North Dakota potato council, the North Dakota oilseed council, the North Dakota dry bean council, the North Dakota barley council, the North Dakota soybean council, the North Dakota corn utilization council, the North Dakota beekeepers association, the North Dakota turkey federation, the North Dakota milk ~~stabilization~~ marketing board, the North Dakota dairy promotion commission, the North Dakota state wheat commission, and the North Dakota beef commission must file a uniform report at a public hearing before the standing agriculture committee of each house of the legislative assembly. The presiding officer of each house of the legislative assembly may direct that the reports be filed with some other standing committee of that house. Each report must contain a summary of the activities of the commodity group during the current biennium, a single-page uniform statement of revenues and expenditures for the next biennium. Each report, except the reports of the North Dakota beekeepers association and the North Dakota turkey federation, must also include a state auditor's report on the commodity group's single-page uniform statement of revenues and expenditures for the previous two fiscal years.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 9-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**9-10-06. Willful acts and negligence - Liability.** ~~Everyone~~ A person is responsible not only for the result of ~~his~~ the person's willful acts but also for an injury occasioned to another by ~~his~~ the person's want of ordinary care or skill in the management of ~~his~~ the person's property or ~~person~~ self. The extent of the liability in such cases is defined by sections 32-03-01 ~~to 32-03-19, inclusive~~ through 32-03-18.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 10-04-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. The sale of capital stock of a corporation or membership interests of a limited liability company may be exempted by the securities commissioner if the corporation or limited liability company is organized under chapter 10-30 or approved by the small business administration as qualifying for loans under section 502 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended; or the sale of memberships, including dues, in a nonprofit corporation incorporated ~~under chapter 10-24 in North Dakota~~ may be exempted by the securities commissioner if the corporation is organized and operated for the primary purpose of promoting community development.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-06.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-06.1-12. Corporation or limited liability company allowed to engage in the business of farming or ranching - Requirements.** This chapter does not prohibit a domestic corporation or a domestic limited liability company from owning real estate and engaging in the business of farming or ranching, if the corporation ~~or limited liability company~~ meets all the requirements of chapter 10-19.1; ~~40-23~~, or the limited liability company meets all the requirements of chapter 10-32 which are not inconsistent with this chapter. The following requirements also apply:

1. If a corporation, the corporation must not have more than fifteen shareholders. If a limited liability company, the limited liability company must not have more than fifteen members.
2. Each shareholder or member must be related to each of the other shareholders or members within one of the following degrees of kinship or affinity: parent, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, great-grandparent, great-grandchild, first cousin, or the spouse of a person so related.
3. Each shareholder or member must be an individual or one of the following:

- a. A trust for the benefit of an individual or a class of individuals who are related to every shareholder of the corporation or member of the limited liability company within the degrees of kinship or affinity specified in this section.
  - b. An estate of a decedent who was related to every shareholder of the corporation or member of the limited liability company within the degrees of kinship or affinity specified in this section.
4. A trust or an estate may not be a shareholder or member if the beneficiaries of the trust or the estate together with the other shareholders or members are more than fifteen in number.
  5. Each individual who is a shareholder or member must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien of the United States.
  6. If a corporation, the officers and directors of the corporation must be shareholders who are actively engaged in operating the farm or ranch and at least one of its shareholders must be an individual residing on or operating the farm or ranch. If a limited liability company, the governors and managers of the limited liability company must be members who are actively engaged in operating the farm or ranch and at least one of its members must be an individual residing on or operating the farm or ranch.
  7. An annual average of at least sixty-five percent of the gross income of the corporation or limited liability company over the previous five years, or for each year of its existence, if less than five years, must have been derived from farming or ranching operations.
  8. The income of the corporation or limited liability company from nonfarm rent, nonfarm royalties, dividends, interest, and annuities cannot exceed twenty percent of the gross income of the corporation or limited liability company.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-06.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-06.1-13. Applicability of North Dakota Business Corporation Act.** ~~Chapters~~ Chapter 10-19.1 ~~and 10-23~~ are is applicable to farming or ranching corporations, which have the powers and privileges and are subject to the duties, restrictions, and liabilities of other business corporations except when inconsistent with the intent of this chapter. This chapter takes precedence in the event of any conflict with the provisions of ~~chapters~~ chapter 10-19.1 ~~and 10-23~~.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-05. Retention of two-thirds majority.**

1. If the articles of a corporation described in section 10-19.1-02 or 10-19.1-03 do not contain a provision specifying the proportion of the voting power of the shares required for approval of amendments to the articles, plans of merger or exchange, or sales of assets, a shareholder or shareholders holding more than one-third of the voting power of all the shares entitled to vote for any or all of the above-mentioned actions ~~may~~, by signed written demand filed in duplicate original with the secretary of state, along with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, ~~may~~ amend the articles of the corporation to include a provision requiring the approval of the holders of two-thirds of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote for any or all of the above-mentioned actions for which no required majority was specified, notwithstanding any provisions of section 10-19.1-19, 10-19.1-98, or 10-19.1-104 to the contrary. Notice that the demand has been filed must be given by the shareholder to an officer of the corporation, but failure to give the notice does not invalidate the demand.
2. A shareholder or shareholders holding more than one-third of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote for dissolution of a corporation described in section 10-19.1-02 or 10-19.1-03 ~~may~~, by signed written demand filed in duplicate original with the secretary of

state, along with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, may amend the articles of the corporation to include a provision requiring the approval of the holders of two-thirds of the voting power of all the shares for the authorization of the dissolution of the corporation, notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-19.1-107. Notice that the demand has been filed must be given by the shareholder to an officer of the corporation, but failure to give the notice does not invalidate the demand.

3. A signed written demand by the shareholders of a corporation pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 is valid only if filed with the secretary of state before July 1, 1986.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 3, 4, and 5 of section 10-19.1-10 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

3. The following provisions govern a corporation unless modified in the articles:
  - a. A corporation has general business purposes as provided in section 10-19.1-08.
  - b. A corporation has perpetual existence and certain powers as provided in section 10-19.1-26.
  - c. The power to adopt, amend, or repeal the bylaws is vested in the board as provided in section 10-19.1-31.
  - d. The affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is required for an action of the board as provided in section 10-19.1-46.
  - e. A written action by the board taken without a meeting must be signed by all directors as provided in section 10-19.1-47.
  - f. The board may authorize the issuance of securities and rights to purchase securities as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-61.
  - g. All shares are common shares entitled to vote and are of one class and one series as provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-61.
  - h. All shares have equal rights and preferences in all matters not otherwise provided for by the board as provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-61.
  - i. The par value of shares is fixed at one cent per share for certain purposes and may be fixed by the board for certain other purposes as provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-61.
  - j. The board or the shareholders may issue shares for any consideration or for no consideration to effectuate share dividends or splits and determine the value of nonmonetary consideration as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-63.
  - k. Shares of a class or series may not be issued to holders of shares of another class or series to effectuate share dividends or splits, unless authorized by a majority of the voting power of the shares of the same class or series as the shares to be issued as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-63.
  - l. A corporation may issue rights to purchase securities whose terms, provisions, and conditions are fixed by the board as provided in section 10-19.1-64.
  - m. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares present and entitled to vote at a duly held meeting is required for an action of the shareholders, except where this chapter requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of all shares entitled to vote as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-74.

- n. Shares of a corporation acquired by the corporation may be reissued as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-93.
  - o. An exchange need not be approved by shareholders of the acquiring corporation unless the outstanding shares entitled to vote of that corporation will be increased by more than twenty percent immediately after the exchange as provided in subdivision c of subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-98.
  - p. An exchange need not be approved by shareholders of the acquiring corporation unless the outstanding participating shares of that corporation will be increased by more than twenty percent immediately after the exchange as provided in subdivision d of subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-98.
  - q. Each share has one vote unless otherwise provided in the terms of the share as provided in subsection ~~3 5~~ of section ~~10-19.1-77~~ 10-19.1-73.2.
  - r. The board may effect share dividends, divisions, and combinations under certain circumstances without shareholder approval as provided in section 10-19.1-61.1.
4. The following provisions govern a corporation unless modified either in the articles or in the bylaws:
- a. A director serves for an indefinite term that expires upon the election and qualification of a successor as provided in section 10-19.1-35.
  - b. The compensation of directors is fixed by the board as provided in section 10-19.1-37.
  - c. The method provided in section 10-19.1-41 or 10-19.1-41.1 must be used for removal of directors.
  - d. The method provided in section 10-19.1-42 must be used for filling board vacancies.
  - e. If the board fails to select a place for a board meeting, it must be held at the principal executive office as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-43.
  - f. A director may call a board meeting, and the notice of the meeting need not state the purpose of the meeting as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-43.
  - g. A majority of the board is a quorum for a board meeting as provided in section 10-19.1-45.
  - h. A committee must consist of one or more persons, who need not be directors, appointed by affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-48.
  - i. The board may establish a special litigation committee as provided in section 10-19.1-48.
  - j. Officers may delegate some or all of their duties and powers, if not prohibited by the board from doing so as provided in section 10-19.1-59.
  - k. Regular meetings of shareholders need not be held, unless demanded by a shareholder under certain conditions as provided in section 10-19.1-71.
  - l. No fewer than ten nor more than fifty days' notice is required for a meeting of shareholders as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-73.
  - m. The number of shares required for a quorum at a shareholders' meeting is a majority of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting as provided in section 10-19.1-76.

- n. The board may fix a date up to fifty days before the date of a shareholders' meeting as the date for the determination of the holders of shares entitled to notice of and entitled to vote at the meeting as provided in subsection 1 of section ~~40-19.1-77~~ 10-19.1-73.2.
  - o. Indemnification of certain persons is required as provided in section 10-19.1-91.
  - p. The board may authorize, and the corporation may make, distributions not prohibited, limited, or restricted by an agreement as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-92.
5. The following provisions relating to the management of the business or the regulation of the affairs of a corporation may be included either in the articles or, except for naming members of the first board fixing a greater than majority director or shareholder vote or giving or prescribing the manner of giving voting rights to persons other than shareholders otherwise than pursuant to the articles, or eliminating or limiting a director's personal liability, in the bylaws:
- a. The members of the first board may be named in the articles as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-32.
  - b. A manner for increasing or decreasing the number of directors as provided in section 10-19.1-33.
  - c. Additional qualifications for directors may be imposed as provided in section 10-19.1-34.
  - d. Directors may be classified as provided in section 10-19.1-38.
  - e. The day or date, time, and place of board meetings may be fixed as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-43.
  - f. Absent directors may be permitted to give written consent or opposition to a proposal as provided in section 10-19.1-44.
  - g. A larger than majority vote may be required for board action as provided in section 10-19.1-46.
  - h. Authority to sign and deliver certain documents may be delegated to an officer or agent of the corporation other than the president as provided in section 10-19.1-53.
  - i. Additional officers may be designated as provided in section 10-19.1-52.
  - j. Additional powers, rights, duties, and responsibilities may be given to officers as provided in section 10-19.1-53.
  - k. A method for filling vacant offices may be specified as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-58.
  - l. A certain officer or agent may be authorized to sign share certificates as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-66.
  - m. The transfer or registration of transfer of securities may be restricted as provided in section 10-19.1-70.
  - n. The day or date, time, and place of regular shareholder meetings may be fixed as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-71.
  - o. Certain persons may be authorized to call special meetings of shareholders as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-72.

- p. Notices of shareholder meetings may be required to contain certain information as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-19.1-73.
- q. A larger than majority vote may be required for shareholder action as provided in section 10-19.1-74.
- r. Voting rights may be granted in or pursuant to the articles to persons who are not shareholders as provided in subsection ~~4 6~~ of section ~~10-19.1-77~~ 10-19.1-73.2.
- s. Corporate actions giving rise to dissenter rights may be designated as provided in subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-87.
- t. The rights and priorities of persons to receive distributions may be established as provided in section 10-19.1-92.
- u. A director's personal liability to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director may be eliminated or limited in the articles as provided in section 10-19.1-50.

**SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-11. Filing of articles of incorporation.** An original of the articles of incorporation must be filed with the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of incorporation conform to law and that all fees have been paid under ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of incorporation to the incorporators or their representative.

**SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-23. Filing articles of amendment.** An original of the articles of amendment must be filed with the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of amendment conform to law and that all fees have been paid as provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, then the articles of amendment must be recorded in the office of the secretary of state.

A corporation that amends its name and is the owner of a trademark or trade name, is a general partner named in a fictitious name certificate, or is a general partner in a limited partnership which is on file with the secretary of state, must change or amend its name in each registration when it files an amendment.

**SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-61 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4. A statement executed by an officer setting forth the name of the corporation and the text of the resolution and certifying the adoption of the resolution and the date of adoption must be filed with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, before the issuance of any shares for which the resolution creates rights or preferences not set forth in the articles. The resolution is effective when the statement has been filed with the secretary of state unless the statement specifies a later effective date within thirty days of filing the statement with the secretary of state.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 10-19.1-75.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 2. Participation in a conference meeting the requirements of subsection 1 constitutes presence at the meeting in person or by proxy if all the other requirements of section ~~10-19.1-80~~ 10-19.1-76.2 are met.
- 3. A shareholder may participate in a regular or special meeting of shareholders not described in subsection 1 by any means of communication through which the shareholder, other participants, and all persons physically present at the meeting may simultaneously

hear each other during the meeting. Participation in a meeting by that means constitutes presence at the meeting in person or by proxy if all the other requirements of section ~~40-19.1-80~~ 10-19.1-76.2 are met.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-99 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The articles of merger must be signed on behalf of each constituent corporation and filed with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147.

**SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-100 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Within thirty days after a copy of the plan of merger is mailed to shareholders of each subsidiary that is a constituent corporation to the merger, or upon waiver of the mailing by the holders of all outstanding shares of each subsidiary that is a constituent corporation to the merger, the articles of merger must be signed on behalf of the parent and filed with the secretary of state, ~~along~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147.

**SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-101 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. If articles of merger have not been filed with the secretary of state and the plan is to be abandoned, or if a plan of exchange is to be abandoned, a resolution abandoning the plan of merger or exchange may be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present, subject to the contract rights of any other person under the plan. If articles of merger have been filed with the secretary of state, the board shall file with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, articles of abandonment that contain:

- a. The name of the constituent corporations;
- b. The provision of this section under which the plan is abandoned; and
- c. The text of the resolution approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present abandoning the plan.

If the certificate of merger has been issued, the board shall surrender the certificate to the secretary of state upon filing the articles of abandonment.

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-19.1-103 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. If the surviving corporation in a merger will be a foreign corporation and will transact business in this state, it shall comply with the provisions of ~~chapter 40-22~~ 10-19.1 with respect to foreign corporations. In every case the surviving corporation shall file with the secretary of state:
  - a. An agreement that it may be served with process in this state in a proceeding for the enforcement of an obligation of a constituent corporation and in a proceeding for the enforcement of the rights of a dissenting shareholder of a constituent corporation against the surviving corporation;
  - b. An irrevocable appointment of the secretary of state as its agent to accept service of process in any proceeding, and an address to which process may be forwarded; and
  - c. An agreement that it will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of each domestic constituent corporation the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under section 10-19.1-87.

**SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 10-19.1-106 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The articles of dissolution must be filed with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147.

**SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 10-19.1-108 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. If dissolution of the corporation is approved pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of section 10-19.1-107, the corporation shall file with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, a notice of intent to dissolve. The notice must contain:
  - a. The name of the corporation;
  - b. The date and place of the meeting at which the resolution was approved pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of section 10-19.1-107; and
  - c. A statement that the requisite vote of the shareholders was received or that all shareholders entitled to vote signed a written action.

**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-110.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-110.1. Dissolution procedure for corporations that do not give notice to creditors and claimants.** When a notice of intent to dissolve has been filed with the secretary of state and the corporation has elected not to give notice to creditors and claimants in the manner provided in section ~~10-19.1-100~~ 10-19.1-110:

1. Articles of dissolution for a corporation that has not given notice to creditors and claimants in the manner provided in section 10-19.1-110:
  - a. Must be filed with the secretary of state after:
    - (1) The payment of claims of all known creditors and claimants has been made or provided for; or
    - (2) At least two years have elapsed from the date of filing the notice of intent to dissolve; and
  - b. Must state:
    - (1) If the articles of dissolution are being filed pursuant to paragraph 1 of subdivision a of subsection 1, that all known debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged or that adequate provision has been made for payment or discharge;
    - (2) That the remaining property, assets, and claims of the corporation have been distributed among its shareholders in accordance with subsection 5 of section 10-19.1-92, or that adequate provision has been made for that distribution; and
    - (3) That there are no pending legal, administrative, or arbitration proceedings by or against the corporation, or that adequate provision has been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order, or decree that may be entered against it in a pending proceeding.
2. With respect to claims against a corporation that does not give notice:
  - a. If a corporation has paid or provided for all known creditors or claimants at the time articles of dissolution are filed, a creditor or claimant who does not file a claim or pursue a remedy, in a legal, administrative, or arbitration proceeding within two years

after the date of filing the notice of intent to dissolve is barred from suing on that claim or otherwise realizing upon or enforcing it.

- b. If the corporation has not paid or provided for all known creditors and claimants at the time articles of dissolution are filed, a person who does not file a claim or pursue a remedy in a legal, administrative, or arbitration proceeding within two years after the date of filing the notice of intent to dissolve is barred from suing on that claim or otherwise realizing upon or enforcing it, except as provided in section 10-19.1-124.

**SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-112 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-112. Revocation of dissolution proceedings.**

1. Dissolution proceedings commenced pursuant to section 10-19.1-107 may be revoked prior to filing of articles of dissolution.
2. Written notice must be given to every shareholder entitled to vote at a shareholders' meeting within the time and in the manner provided in section 10-19.1-73 for notice of meetings of shareholders and must state that a purpose of the meeting is to consider the advisability of revoking the dissolution proceedings. The proposed revocation must be submitted to the shareholders at the meeting. If the proposed revocation is approved at a meeting by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of all shares entitled to vote, the dissolution proceedings are revoked.
3. Revocation of dissolution proceedings is effective when a notice of revocation is filed with the secretary of state, ~~together~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147. The corporation may thereafter resume business.

**SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-113.1 is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-113.1. Filing of articles of dissolution - Effective date of dissolution - Certificate.**

1. An original of the articles of dissolution must be filed with the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that the articles of dissolution conform to law and that all fees have been paid under ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147, the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of dissolution.
2. When the certificate of dissolution has been issued by the secretary of state, the corporation is dissolved.
3. The secretary of state shall issue to the dissolved corporation, or its legal representative, a certificate of dissolution that contains:
  - a. The name of the corporation;
  - b. The date the articles of dissolution were filed with the secretary of state; and
  - c. A statement that the corporation was dissolved.

**SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-19.1-129 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-19.1-129. Service of process on corporation and nonresident directors.**

1. The registered agent must be an agent of the corporation and any nonresident director upon whom any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the corporation or director may be served. Acceptance of a directorship includes the appointment of the secretary of state as an agent for personal service of legal process, notice, or demand.

2. A process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation may be served either upon the registered agent of the corporation, or upon an officer of the corporation, or upon the secretary of state as provided in this section.
3. If neither the corporation's registered agent nor an officer of the corporation can be found at the registered office, or if a corporation fails to maintain a registered agent in this state and an officer of the corporation cannot be found at the registered office, then the secretary of state is the agent of the corporation upon whom the process, notice, or demand may be served. The return of the sheriff, or the affidavit of a person who is not a party, that no registered agent or officer can be found at the registered office must be provided to the secretary of state. Service on the secretary of state of any process, notice, or demand is deemed personal service upon the corporation and must be made by filing with the secretary of state an original and two copies of the process, notice, or demand, ~~along~~ with the fees provided in ~~chapter 10-23~~ section 10-19.1-147. The secretary of state shall immediately forward, by registered mail, addressed to the corporation at its registered office, a copy of the process, notice, or demand. Service on the secretary of state is returnable in not less than thirty days notwithstanding a shorter period specified in the process, notice, or demand.
4. Process, notice, or demand may be served on a dissolved corporation as provided in this subsection. The court shall determine if service is proper. If a corporation has voluntarily dissolved or a court has entered a decree of dissolution, service may be made according to subsection 2 so long as claims are not finally barred under section 10-19.1-124. If a corporation has been involuntarily dissolved ~~pursuant to section 10-23-02.2~~, service may be made according to subsection 2.
5. A record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon the secretary of state under this section, including the date of service and the action taken with reference to it must be maintained in the office of the secretary of state.
6. Nothing in this section limits the right to serve any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon a corporation in any other manner permitted by law.

**SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-30-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-30-05. Business Corporation Act to apply.** The provisions of ~~chapters chapter~~ chapter 10-19.1, ~~10-22, and 10-23~~ apply to state development corporations as they may be applicable and not inconsistent with this chapter.

**SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 10-30.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. To carry out the purposes of this chapter, venture capital corporations may be formed under ~~chapters chapter~~ chapter 10-19.1 through 10-23 if a corporation, or under chapter 10-32 if a limited liability company. The articles of incorporation or articles of organization of a venture capital corporation must comply with subsections 2 through 9.

**SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-30.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**10-30.5-04. Powers.** The corporation must be organized as a nonprofit corporation ~~under chapter 10-24~~. In addition to the powers in ~~chapter 10-24~~ 10-33, the corporation may:

1. Cooperate and contract with any private or public entity.
2. Receive appropriations from the legislative assembly and other public moneys as well as contributions from other private or public contributors.

**SECTION 27. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2, 3, and 4 of section 10-32-07 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The following provisions govern a limited liability company unless modified in the articles of organization or a member central agreement under section 10-32-50:
  - a. A limited liability company has general business purposes as provided in section 10-32-04;
  - b. A limited liability company has certain powers as provided in section 10-32-23;
  - c. The power to adopt, amend, or repeal the operating agreement is vested in the board of governors as provided in section 10-32-68;
  - d. A limited liability company must allow cumulative voting for governors as provided in section 10-32-76;
  - e. The affirmative vote of a majority of governors present is required for an action of the board of governors as provided in section 10-32-83;
  - f. A written action by the board of governors taken without a meeting must be signed by all governors as provided in section 10-32-84;
  - g. The board may accept contributions, make contribution agreements, and make contribution allowance agreements as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-56 and sections 10-32-58 and 10-32-59;
  - h. All membership interests are ordinary membership interests entitled to vote and are of one class with no series as provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 5 of section 10-32-56;
  - i. All membership interests have equal rights and preferences in all matters not otherwise provided for by the board of governors as provided in subdivision b of subsection 5 of section 10-32-56;
  - j. The restatement of value of previous contributions is to be determined according to a specified process as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of section 10-32-57;
  - k. A member has certain preemptive rights, unless otherwise provided by the board of governors as provided in section 10-32-37;
  - l. The affirmative vote of the owners of a majority of the voting power of the membership interests present and entitled to vote at a duly held meeting is required for an action of the members, except where this chapter requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of all membership interests entitled to vote as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-43;
  - m. The voting power of each membership interest is in proportion to the value reflected in the required records of the contributions of the members as provided in section ~~10-32-45~~ 10-32-40.1;
  - n. Members share in distributions in proportion to the value reflected in the required records of the contributions of members as provided in section 10-32-60;
  - o. Members share profits and losses in proportion to the value reflected in the required records of the contributions of members as provided in section 10-32-36;
  - p. A written action by the members taken without a meeting must be signed by all members as provided in section 10-32-43;
  - q. Members have no right to receive distributions in kind and the limited liability company has only limited rights to make distributions in kind as provided in section 10-32-62;
  - r. A member is not subject to expulsion as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-32-30;

- s. Unanimous consent is required for the transfer of governance rights to a person not already a member as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-32-32;
  - t. Unanimous consent is required to avoid dissolution as provided in subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 10-32-109; and
  - u. A limited liability company dissolves upon an occurrence of an event that terminates the continued membership of any member as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-109.
3. The following provisions govern a limited liability company unless modified either in the articles of organization, a member central agreement under section 10-32-50, or in the operating agreement:
- a. Governors serve for an indefinite term that expires at the next regular meeting of members as provided in section 10-32-72;
  - b. The compensation of governors is fixed by the board of governors as provided in section 10-32-74;
  - c. A certain method must be used for removal of governors as provided in section 10-32-78;
  - d. A certain method must be used for filling board of governor vacancies as provided in section 10-32-79;
  - e. If the board of governors fails to select a place for a board meeting, it must be held at the principal executive office as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-80;
  - f. The notice of a board of governors meeting need not state the purpose of the meeting as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-32-80;
  - g. A majority of the board of governors is a quorum for a board meeting as provided in section 10-32-82;
  - h. A committee consists of one or more individuals, who need not be governors, appointed by affirmative vote of a majority of the governors present as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-32-85;
  - i. The board may establish a special litigation committee as provided in section 10-32-85;
  - j. The president and treasurer have specified duties, until the board of governors determines otherwise as provided in section 10-32-89;
  - k. Managers may delegate some or all of their duties and powers, if not prohibited by the board of governors from doing so as provided in section 10-32-95;
  - l. Regular meetings of members need not be held, unless demanded by a member under certain conditions as provided in section 10-32-38;
  - m. In all instances where a specific minimum notice period has not otherwise been fixed by law, not less than ten days' notice is required for a meeting of members as provided in subsection 2 of section 10-32-40;
  - n. For a quorum at a members' meeting there is required a majority of the voting power of the membership interests entitled to vote at the meeting as provided in section 10-32-44;
  - o. The board of governors may fix a date up to fifty days before the date of a members' meeting as the date for the determination of the members entitled to notice of and

entitled to vote at the meeting as provided in ~~subsection 1 of section 10-32-45~~  
10-32-40.1;

- p. Indemnification of certain persons is required as provided in section 10-32-99;
  - q. The board of governors may authorize, and the limited liability company may make, distributions not prohibited, limited, or restricted by an agreement as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-64; and
  - r. Members have no right to interim distributions except as provided through the operating agreement or an act of the board of governors as provided in section 10-32-61.
4. The following provisions relating to the management of the business or the regulation of the affairs of a limited liability company may be included either in the articles of organization, a member central agreement under section 10-32-50, or, except for naming persons to serve as the first board of governors, fixing a greater than majority governor or member vote, establishing the rights and priorities for distributions and the rights to share in profits and losses, or giving or prescribing the manner of giving voting rights to persons other than members otherwise than pursuant to the articles of organization, or eliminating or limiting a governor's personal liability, in the operating agreement:
- a. The persons to serve as the first board of governors may be named in the articles of organization as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-69;
  - b. A manner for increasing or decreasing the number of governors may be provided as provided in section 10-32-70;
  - c. Additional qualifications for governors may be imposed as provided in section 10-32-71;
  - d. Governors may be classified as provided in section 10-32-75;
  - e. The date, time, and place of board of governors meetings may be fixed as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-80;
  - f. Absent governors may be permitted to give written consent or opposition to a proposal as provided in section 10-32-81;
  - g. A larger than majority vote may be required for board of governor action as provided in section 10-32-83;
  - h. Authority to sign and deliver certain documents may be delegated to a manager or agent of the limited liability company other than the president as provided in section 10-32-89;
  - i. Additional managers may be designated as provided in section 10-32-88;
  - j. Additional powers, rights, duties, and responsibilities may be given to managers as provided in section 10-32-89;
  - k. A method for filling vacant offices may be specified as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-32-94;
  - l. The date, time, and place of regular member meetings may be fixed as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-32-38;
  - m. Certain persons may be authorized to call special meetings of members as provided in subsection 1 of section 10-32-39;
  - n. Notices of member meetings may be required to contain certain information as provided in subsection 3 of section 10-32-40;

- o. A larger than majority vote may be required for member action as provided in section 10-32-42;
- p. Voting rights may be granted in or pursuant to the articles of organization to persons who are not members as provided in ~~subsection 3 of section 10-32-45~~ 10-32-40.1;
- q. Limited liability company actions giving rise to dissenter rights may be designated as provided in subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 10-32-55; and
- r. A governor's personal liability to the limited liability company or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a governor may be eliminated or limited in the articles as provided in subsection 4 of section 10-32-86.

**SECTION 28. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 5 of section 10-32-56 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- b. Be ordinary membership interests entitled to vote as provided in section ~~10-32-45~~ 10-32-40.1, and have equal rights and preferences in all matters not otherwise provided for by the board of governors unless and to the extent that the articles of organization have fixed the relative rights and preferences of different classes and series; and

**SECTION 29. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 10-32-107 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4. If the surviving organization in a merger will be a foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company and will transact business in this state, it shall comply, as the case may be, with the provisions of chapter ~~40-22~~ 10-19.1 with respect to foreign corporations or with the provisions of this chapter with respect to foreign limited liability companies. In every case the surviving foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company shall file with the secretary of state:
  - a. An agreement that it may be served with process in this state in a proceeding for the enforcement of an obligation of a constituent organization and in a proceeding for the enforcement of the rights of a dissenting owner of an ownership interest of a constituent organization against the surviving foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company;
  - b. An irrevocable appointment of the secretary of state as its agent to accept service of process in any proceeding, and an address to which process may be forwarded; and
  - c. An agreement that it will promptly pay to the dissenting owners of ownership interests of each constituent domestic limited liability company and constituent domestic corporation the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under section 10-19.1-88 or 10-32-55, as the case may be.

**SECTION 30. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision j of subsection 5 of section 10-33-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- j. A corporation may issue membership certificates, or preferred or common shares as the board deems appropriate as provided in section ~~40-31-58~~ 10-33-58.

**SECTION 31. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 24 of section 10-33-21 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 24. Except where the trust instrument prescribes otherwise, a corporation may invest trust property or its proceeds in accordance with ~~section 59-02-08~~ sections 59-02-08.1 through 59-02-08.11.

**SECTION 32. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 11-10.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. This option is available in addition to, or in lieu of, other county structural options authorized under this title, unless a specific mandate for combining or separating particular county offices is otherwise provided by law. ~~The office of county judge is excluded from the application of this chapter.~~

**SECTION 33. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- b. Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of, an offense in a court of another state or the federal government equivalent to those offenses set forth in subdivisions a and e f of subsection 1; or

**SECTION 34. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-01-07. Constitutional amendments and other questions to be advertised - Notification by secretary of state - Manner of publishing.** Whenever a proposed constitutional amendment or other question is to be submitted to the people of the state for popular vote, the secretary of state shall, not less than fifty-five days before the election, certify the amendment or other question to each county auditor and each auditor shall cause notice thereof to be included in the notice required by section 16.1-13-05. Questions to be submitted to the people of a particular county must be advertised in the same manner.

The secretary of state shall, at the same time the secretary of state certifies notice to the county auditors of the submission of a constitutional amendment or other question, certify the ballot form for such questions. The ballot form must conform to the provisions of section 16.1-06-09 and must be used by all county auditors in preparing ballots for submission to the electorate of each county and in the preparation of sample ballots. ~~Sample ballots must conform in form and style to samples of such ballots contained in the legal publications handbook prepared under subsection 5 of section 46-01-02.~~ Any requirements in this title that a sample ballot be published will be met by the publication of either the paper ballot or the ballot as it will appear to persons using a voting machine, depending upon the method of voting used in the area involved. Absentee voter ballots may not be considered in determining which method of voting is used in an area. If both paper ballots and voting machines are used in an area, both forms must be published as sample ballots to meet publication and notice requirements. For two consecutive weeks before the sample ballot is published, an analysis of any constitutional amendment, initiated measure, or referred measure, written by the secretary of state after consultation with the attorney general, must be published in columns to enable the electors to become familiar with the effect of the proposed constitutional amendment or initiated or referred measure.

**SECTION 35. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. "Contribution" means a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, made for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person to public office or aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure. Contribution also means a contract, promise, or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for any of the above purposes, and includes funds received by a political committee which are transferred to that committee from another political committee or other source. This definition does not include:
  - a. A loan of money from a bank or other lending institution made in the regular course of business.
  - b. Time spent by volunteer campaign or political party workers.
  - c. Money spent by a candidate on the candidate's own behalf.

- d. Any money received from a district or state committee of a political party, as established pursuant to sections ~~16.1-03-06~~ 16.1-03-07 and 16.1-03-08, except for contributions reported pursuant to section 16.1-08.1-03.

**SECTION 36. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-08-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**18-08-12. Annual fire inspection of state buildings and institutions.** An annual fire inspection shall be performed at each state institution and building. The state fire marshal shall ~~annually~~ inspect annually the state penitentiary ~~and, the James River correctional center,~~ the Missouri River correctional center, the North Dakota youth correctional center, and the state hospital, ~~and san haven.~~ The annual inspection of all other state institutions and buildings ~~shall~~ must be made by the fire department of the city or fire protection district in which the institution or building is located, at the direction of the officer in charge of the institution or building, who shall prepare a report based upon the findings of the fire inspection. The report, which ~~shall~~ must contain specifications of any violations, ~~shall~~ must be submitted to the responsible board, agency, or commission and a copy of the report ~~shall~~ must be submitted to the state fire marshal. If the report indicates that any violations can be corrected within the current budget of the responsible board, agency, or commission, action to correct the violations, unless good cause can be demonstrated to the attorney general, ~~shall~~ must be initiated within thirty days of receipt of the report by the responsible board, agency, or commission. For purposes of this section, a "fire inspection" is a procedure performed in accordance with standards set forth in the uniform building code, the code of the building officials and code administrators, or the code of the national fire protection association.

**SECTION 37. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-08-04.6 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**20.1-08-04.6. Governor's proclamation concerning the hunting of elk - Rocky mountain elk foundation raffle.** The governor may by proclamation provide for a season to hunt elk in a manner, number, places, and times as the governor prescribes. Licenses to hunt elk must be issued by lottery, except as provided under subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11, with only residents eligible to apply; however, the governor may by proclamation make available to the rocky mountain elk foundation a license to hunt elk in a manner, places, and times as the governor prescribes. The rocky mountain elk foundation shall hold a raffle under rules adopted by the commissioner with only residents eligible to participate. No more than ten percent of the gross proceeds of the raffle may be used to promote the raffle and all net proceeds must be used for elk management and related projects in North Dakota as described under rocky mountain elk foundation policies and objectives. The rocky mountain elk foundation shall submit reports concerning the raffle as the commissioner requires. Except for landowners who receive special elk depredation management licenses issued to landowners ~~of under~~ subsection 7 of section 20.1-03-11 and persons who receive a special elk depredation management license issued by lottery under this section, a person may only receive one license to hunt elk issued by lottery and one nontransferable license to hunt elk through the rocky mountain elk foundation raffle in a lifetime.

**SECTION 38. AMENDMENT.** Section 21-10-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**21-10-06. Funds under management of board - Accounts.** The board is charged with the investment of the following funds:

1. State bonding fund.
2. Teachers' fund for retirement.
3. State fire and tornado fund.
4. Workers' compensation fund.
5. ~~Veterans' home improvement fund, in accordance with section 37-15-14.1.~~
6. National guard tuition trust fund.

- ~~7.~~ 6. Public employees retirement system.
- ~~8.~~ 7. Insurance regulatory trust fund.
- ~~9.~~ 8. State risk management fund.
- ~~10.~~ 9. Veterans' cemetery trust fund.

Separate accounting must be maintained for each of the above funds. When it is deemed advantageous, the moneys of the individual funds may be commingled for investment purposes.

The state investment board may provide investment services to, and manage the money of, any agency, institution, or political subdivision of the state, subject to agreement with the industrial commission. The scope of services to be provided by the state investment board to the agency, institution, or political subdivision must be specified in a written contract. The state investment board may charge a fee for providing investment services and any revenue collected must be deposited in the state retirement and investment fund.

**SECTION 39. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-06.4-03 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 2. If the declarant is a resident of a long-term care facility, as defined in section 50-10.1-01, at the time the declaration is executed, one of the two witnesses to the declaration must be a recognized member of the clergy, an attorney licensed to practice in this state, or a person as may be designated by the department of human services or the ~~county~~ district court for the county in which the facility is located.

**SECTION 40. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 23-06.5-10 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 2. A durable power of attorney for health care is not effective if, at the time of execution, the principal is a resident of a long-term care facility unless a recognized member of the clergy, an attorney licensed to practice in this state, or a person as may be designated by the department of human services or the ~~county~~ district court for the county in which the facility is located, signs a statement affirming that the person has explained the nature and effect of the durable power of attorney for health care to the principal or unless the principal acknowledges in writing that the principal has read the explanation prefacing the statutory form in section 23-06.5-17 or a similar written explanation of the nature and effect of a durable power of attorney for health care. It is the intent of this subsection to recognize that some residents of long-term care facilities are insulated from a voluntary decisionmaking role, by virtue of the custodial nature of their care, so as to require special assurance that they are capable of willingly and voluntarily executing a durable power of attorney for health care.

**SECTION 41. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 12 of section 25-03.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 12. "Private treatment facility" means any facility established under ~~chapters~~ chapter 10-19.1; ~~40-22, and 40-24~~ or 10-33 and licensed under chapter 23-16 or 23-17.1.

**SECTION 42. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-17-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**26.1-17-02. Nonprofit health service corporations authorized.** A health service corporation must be organized under this chapter and, to the extent applicable, under chapter ~~40-24~~ 10-33 for the purposes of establishing and putting into effect a health service plan whereby one or more kinds of health service is provided to subscribers under a contract entitling each subscriber to certain specified health service. Any corporation subject to this chapter is not subject to the laws of this state relating to insurance and insurance companies, except as specifically provided in such laws. This chapter applies only to corporations organized pursuant to its provisions, except as specifically provided otherwise.

**SECTION 43. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-17-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**26.1-17-33. Liquidation - Dissolution - Merger - Consolidation.** Any involuntary liquidation and dissolution of a health service corporation is governed by chapter 26.1-07. Any voluntary liquidation and dissolution is governed by chapter ~~40-26~~ 10-33. Any merger or consolidation of a health service corporation is subject to the approval of the commissioner in accordance with the procedures set forth in chapter 26.1-07, but the consolidation or merger must be accomplished under chapter ~~40-25~~ 10-33.

**SECTION 44. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 26.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any law of this state to the contrary, any person may apply to the commissioner for a certificate of authority to establish and operate a health maintenance organization in compliance with this chapter. No person may establish or operate a health maintenance organization in this state, without obtaining a certificate of authority under this chapter. A foreign corporation may qualify under this chapter, subject to ~~its registration to do business in this state~~ obtaining a certificate of authority as a foreign corporation under section ~~40-22-04~~ 10-19.1-136 and compliance with all provisions of this chapter and other applicable state laws.

**SECTION 45. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 26.1-19-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any law of this state to the contrary, any person may apply to the commissioner for and obtain a certificate of authority to establish and operate a prepaid legal services organization in compliance with this chapter. A person may not establish or operate a prepaid legal services organization in this state, or sell, offer to sell, or solicit offers to purchase or receive advance or periodic considerations in conjunction with a prepaid legal services plan without obtaining a certificate of authority under this chapter. A foreign corporation may similarly apply for a certificate of authority under this chapter, subject to ~~its registration to do business in this state~~ obtaining a certificate of authority as a foreign corporation under ~~chapter 10-22~~ section 10-19.1-136.

**SECTION 46. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-49-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**26.1-49-03. Powers.** In addition to the powers granted a cooperative under chapter 10-15, a health provider cooperative has the powers granted a nonprofit corporation under chapter ~~40-24~~ 10-33. The power granted under chapter 10-15 controls over any inconsistent power granted by chapter ~~40-24~~ 10-33.

**SECTION 47. AMENDMENT.** Section 28-04-05.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**28-04-05.1. Venue of trials.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if the county seats of adjoining counties are less than ten miles [16.10 kilometers] apart and are located in the same judicial district, the district court ~~or county court~~ may hold any trial or hearing in either county. In the case of a jury trial, the jury panel must be composed of residents of the county of venue as would otherwise be determined under this chapter even if the case is not tried in that county.

**SECTION 48. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-12-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**29-12-05. Bench warrant, misdemeanor, infraction, or bailable felony.** If an offense is a misdemeanor, an infraction, or a bailable felony, the bench warrant issued must be in a form similar to form ~~40 12~~ as contained in the appendix to the North Dakota Rules of Criminal Procedure, but must add to the body thereof a direction to the following effect, "or if ~~he~~ the person requires it, that you take

~~him the person~~ before any magistrate of that county or in the county in which you arrest ~~him the person~~, that ~~he the person~~ may give bail to answer the information (or indictment)".

**SECTION 49. AMENDMENT.** Section 30.1-15-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**30.1-15-02. (3-402) Formal testacy or appointment proceedings - Petition - Contents.**

1. Petitions for formal probate of a will, or for adjudication of intestacy with or without request for appointment of a personal representative, must be directed to the court, request a judicial order after notice and hearing, and contain further statements as indicated in this section. A petition for formal probate of a will:
  - a. Requests an order as to the testacy of the decedent in relation to a particular instrument which may or may not have been informally probated and determining the heirs.
  - b. Contains the statements required for informal applications as stated in ~~the five subdivisions under paragraphs 1 through 6 of subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 and the statements required by subdivisions b and c of subsection 2 paragraphs 2 and 3 of subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01.~~ paragraphs 1 through 6 of subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 and the statements required by subdivisions b and c of subsection 2 paragraphs 2 and 3 of subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01.
  - c. States whether the original of the last will of the decedent is in the possession of the court or accompanies the petition.

If the original will is neither in the possession of the court nor accompanies the petition and no authenticated copy of a will probated in another jurisdiction accompanies the petition, the petition also must state the contents of the will, and indicate that it is lost, destroyed, or otherwise unavailable.

2. A petition for adjudication of intestacy and appointment of an administrator in intestacy must request a judicial finding and order that the decedent left no will and determining the heirs, contain the statements required by ~~subsections 1 and 4 subdivisions a and d of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 and indicate whether supervised administration is sought. A petition may request an order determining intestacy and heirs without requesting the appointment of an administrator, in which case the statements required by subdivision b of subsection 4 paragraph 2 of subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 may be omitted.~~ subsections 1 and 4 subdivisions a and d of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 and indicate whether supervised administration is sought. A petition may request an order determining intestacy and heirs without requesting the appointment of an administrator, in which case the statements required by subdivision b of subsection 4 paragraph 2 of subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 30.1-14-01 may be omitted.

**SECTION 50. AMENDMENT.** Section 30.1-29-26 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**30.1-29-26. (5-426) Enlargement or limitation of powers of conservator.** Subject to the restrictions in subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 30.1-29-08, the court may confer on a conservator at the time of appointment or later, in addition to the powers conferred on the conservator by sections 30.1-29-24 and 30.1-29-25, any power which the court itself could exercise under ~~subsections 2 and 3 subdivisions b and c of subsection 2 of section 30.1-29-08.~~ The court may, at the time of appointment or later, limit the powers of a conservator otherwise conferred by sections 30.1-29-24 and 30.1-29-25, or previously conferred by the court, and may at any time relieve the conservator of any limitation. If the court limits any power conferred on the conservator by sections 30.1-29-24 and 30.1-29-25, the limitation shall be endorsed upon the conservator's letters of appointment.

**SECTION 51. AMENDMENT.** Section 32-03-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**32-03-36. Recovery not more than gained by performance.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, no person can recover a greater amount in damages for the breach of an obligation than the person could have gained by the full performance thereof on both sides, except in the cases wherein exemplary damages or penal damages are authorized, and in the ~~cases~~ case specified in ~~sections 32-03-19, 32-03-26, and section 36-21-13.~~

**SECTION 52. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-01-08.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**36-01-08.1. ~~Captive wildlife~~ Nontraditional livestock license - Fee.** The board of animal health may require a license for ~~captive wildlife~~ nontraditional livestock maintained within this state. The annual fee for a license for a bird species required to be licensed is five dollars. The maximum amount of annual fees for bird species licenses to be paid by a person holding more than one bird species license is twenty-five dollars. The annual fee for a license for any other species required to be licensed is ten dollars. The maximum amount of annual fees for nonbird species licenses to be paid by a person holding more than one nonbird species license is seventy-five dollars.

**SECTION 53. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-15-16. Commandant shall take charge of unclaimed estates of small value.** If a member of the veterans' home dies leaving property of the value of three thousand dollars or less, the commandant immediately shall take charge of such property. If within forty-five days of the date of death no valid claim of any heir or devisee is made for the property and no application or petition has been filed for issuance of letters of administration, the commandant shall convert the property into cash without probate or other proceedings and make payment in the following order:

1. Reasonable funeral expenses.
2. Reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses of the last illness of the decedent.

If any cash remains the commandant shall deposit the cash with the state treasurer who shall credit it to the veterans' home ~~improvement~~ operating fund. The commandant shall make a report of the commandant's action to the administrative committee on veterans' affairs. The report must be audited by, and included in the records of, the committee.

**SECTION 54. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-15-17. Intestate members leaving estates valued in excess of three thousand dollars - Commandant to administer.** If a member of the veterans' home dies leaving property in excess of three thousand dollars in value not disposed of by will, the commandant is entitled to letters of administration upon such estate. ~~He~~ The commandant shall ~~make application~~ apply to the proper court for letters of administration, qualify as administrator, and distribute and dispose of such estate as is provided by this code. If no valid claim is made to such estate by the heirs or the next of kin of the deceased member for a period of one year after the granting of letters of administration, the residue of the estate must be deposited with the state treasurer for the benefit of the veterans' home ~~improvement~~ operating fund.

**SECTION 55. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-15-21 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-15-21. Commandant may accept gifts, donations, or bequests.** The commandant for and in behalf of the veterans' home is hereby authorized to accept and expend funds from any source, including federal or private sources and donations, gifts, or bequests offered or tendered to, or for the benefit of, the veterans' home to be used to benefit the veterans' home. All such moneys received or accepted must be used for the specific purposes for which they were given or donated. This authority shall apply and be retroactive to any or all gifts, donations, or bequests heretofore tendered, offered, or made. The veterans' home may establish and maintain its own local fund to administer moneys received under this section. All interest, rent, or income from moneys or property received under this section must be deposited in the veterans' home ~~improvement~~ operating fund unless by the terms of acquisition, the moneys are required to be maintained in a different manner.

**SECTION 56. AMENDMENT.** Section 38-08.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**38-08.1-03. Deemed doing business within state - Resident agent.** A person must be deemed doing business within this state when engaged in geophysical exploration within the boundaries of this state, and shall, if not already qualified to do business within the state under chapter ~~40-22~~ 10-19.1, prior to such exploration, file with the secretary of state an authorization designating an agent for the service of process.

**SECTION 57. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 38-08.1-03.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Upon filing the bond required by this section and presenting a certificate of authority to transact business in this state issued ~~pursuant to chapter 40-22~~ pursuant to section 10-19.1-136, a certificate of incorporation issued ~~pursuant to~~ under chapter 10-19.1, or some other certificate issued by the secretary of state showing the name of the person designated as resident agent for service of process, the commission shall issue to the person desiring to engage in geophysical exploration or plugging operations or any subcontractor of that person a certificate showing that the bond has been filed and showing the name and address of the surety company and the name of the person designated resident agent for service of process.

**SECTION 58. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-51.2-05 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**40-51.2-05. Notice - Petition of owners and electors - Mediation.**

1. The governing body may not take final action on a petition presented by owners and qualified electors until the petitioners have given notice of presentation of the petition by one publication in the official newspaper of the city as provided by section 40-01-09 and the governing body has mailed a notice of the time and place of consideration of the petition to the owner of each parcel of real property within the area described in the petition at the person's last known mailing address. The notice is not required to be sent to any owner of real property who signed a petition pursuant to section 40-51.2-03 or 40-51.2-04. If the land area petitioned to be annexed to the city lies within the extraterritorial zoning or subdivision regulation authority of another city, the governing body of the city must also mail the notice of the time and place of consideration of the petition to the governing body of the other city.
2. If the land area petitioned to be annexed to the city lies within the extraterritorial zoning or subdivision regulation authority of another city and written consent to annex the land area is not received from the governing body of the other city, the annexing city may either stop its pursuit of the annexation or submit the matter to a committee for mediation as provided in section 40-51.2-07.1. If mediation does not resolve the matter, the office of administrative hearings may be petitioned to hear the matter in accordance with sections 40-51.2-08, 40-51.2-09, ~~40-51.2-10~~, 40-51.2-11, 40-51.2-12, 40-51.2-13, 40-51.2-14, 40-51.2-15, 40-51.2-16, and 40-51.2-17.

**SECTION 59. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-57.1-05 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**40-57.1-05. Reapplication for tax exemption - Discretion of board of equalization.** The municipality or the state board of equalization, ~~in its discretion~~, upon the presentation of additional facts and circumstances which were not presented or discovered at the time of the original application for tax exemption under the provisions of this chapter, may accept reapplications from project operators at any time if the project operators first publish notice of application for tax exemption as required by this chapter.

**SECTION 60. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 41-09-16 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. A transaction, although subject to this chapter, is also subject to chapters ~~43-03~~ 13-03.1, 35-05, 49-09, and 51-13, and in the case of conflict between the provisions of this chapter

and any such statute, the provisions of such statute control. Failure to comply with any applicable statute has only the effect which is specified therein.

**SECTION 61. AMENDMENT.** Section 42-04-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**42-04-01. "Agricultural operation" defined.** As used in this chapter, "agricultural operation" means the science and art of production of plants and animals useful to ~~man~~ people, by a corporation ~~as provided in chapter 10-06, or~~ as allowed under chapter 10-06.1, a partnership, or a proprietorship, and including, to a variable extent, the preparation of these products for ~~man's people's~~ people's use and their disposal by marketing or otherwise, and includes horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee, and any and all forms of farm products, and farm production.

**SECTION 62. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-07-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**43-07-19. Nonresident contractors - Agent for service of process.** Every applicant for a contractor's license who is not a resident of the state of North Dakota shall furnish to the secretary of state ~~of the state of North Dakota~~ a written appointment by which such applicant appoints the secretary of state ~~of the state of North Dakota~~ as ~~his~~ the applicant's true and lawful agent upon whom may be served all lawful process in any action or proceeding against such nonresident contractor. Such appointment in writing shall be evidence of said contractor's consent that any such process against ~~him~~ the contractor which is so served upon the secretary of state shall be of the same legal force and effect as if served upon ~~him~~ the contractor personally within this state. Registered foreign corporations entitled to do business in this state according to chapter ~~40-22~~ 10-19.1 and registered foreign limited liability companies entitled to do business in the state according to chapter 10-32 and having a current registered agent and registered address on file in the corporate division of the secretary of state's office need not appoint the secretary of state as agent for service of process under ~~the provisions of~~ this section. Within ten days after service of the summons upon the secretary of state, notice of such service ~~together~~ with the summons and complaint in the action shall be sent to the defendant contractor at ~~his~~ the defendant contractor's last known address by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested and proof of such mailing shall be attached to the summons. The secretary of state shall keep a record of all process served upon ~~him~~ the secretary of state under ~~the provisions of~~ this section. ~~Such record shall show,~~ showing the day and hour of service. Whenever service of process ~~shall have been~~ was made ~~as provided in~~ under this section, the court, before entering a default judgment, or at any stage of the proceeding, may order such continuance as may be necessary to afford the defendant contractor reasonable opportunity to defend any action pending against ~~him~~ the defendant contractor.

**SECTION 63. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 43-17-02 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. Any person rendering services as a ~~physician's trained~~ physician assistant, if such service is rendered under the supervision, control, and responsibility of a licensed physician ~~and provided that the.~~ However, sections 43-17-02.1 and 43-17-02.2 do apply to physician assistants. The state board of medical examiners shall prescribe rules ~~and regulations~~ governing the conduct, activities, and supervision of ~~physicians' trained~~ physician assistants. ~~Physicians' trained~~ Physician assistants may not be authorized to perform any services which must be performed by persons licensed pursuant to chapters 43-12.1, 43-13, 43-15, and 43-28 or services otherwise regulated by licensing laws, notwithstanding the fact that medical doctors need not be licensed specifically to perform the services contemplated under such chapters or licensing laws.

**SECTION 64. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-17.1-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Subpoena witnesses and physician and hospital records relating to the practice of any physician under investigation. The confidentiality of the records by any other statute or law does not affect the validity of the commission's subpoena nor the admissibility of the records ~~and in~~ board proceedings; however, the proceedings and records of a committee

that are exempt from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence under chapter 23-34 are not subject to this subsection.

**SECTION 65. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision h of subsection 1 of section 45-10.1-02 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- h. May not be the same as, or deceptively similar to:
  - (1) The name, whether foreign and authorized to do business in this state, or domestic, unless there is filed with the articles a document in compliance with subsection ~~2 of this section~~ 3, of:
    - (a) Another limited partnership;
    - (b) A corporation;
    - (c) A limited liability company; or
    - (d) A limited liability partnership; ~~or~~
  - (2) A name the right to which is, at the time of organization, reserved in the manner provided in section 10-19.1-14, 10-32-11, 10-33-11, 45-10.1-03, or 45-22-05;
  - (3) A fictitious name registered in the manner provided in chapter 45-11; or
  - (4) A trade name registered in the manner provided in chapter 47-25.

**SECTION 66. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-10.1-02 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**47-10.1-02. Restriction on acquisition - Exceptions.** A person who is not a citizen of the United States or a citizen of Canada, except a permanent resident alien of the United States, may not acquire directly or indirectly any interest in agricultural land. A partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trustee, or other business entity may not, directly or indirectly, acquire or otherwise obtain any interest, whether legal, beneficial, or otherwise, in any title to agricultural land unless the ultimate beneficial interest of the entity is held directly or indirectly by citizens of the United States or permanent resident aliens of the United States. This section does not apply to agricultural land that may be acquired by devise, inheritance, as security for indebtedness, by process of law in the collection of debts, or by any procedure for the enforcement of a lien or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise; provided, that all agricultural land acquired in the collection of debts or by the enforcement of a lien or claim shall be disposed of within three years after acquiring ownership, if the acquisition would otherwise violate this section. This section does not apply to a foreign corporation or a foreign limited liability company which acquires agricultural land for use as an industrial site where construction contracts are entered into by the corporation or limited liability company within one hundred fifty days after acquisition of the land; provided, that this exception shall only apply to so much agricultural land as is reasonably necessary for industrial purposes. A foreign corporation or a foreign limited liability company which owns agricultural land for industrial purposes but which discontinues using the land for industrial purposes shall dispose of the land as provided by chapter ~~40-06~~ 10-06.1. A foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company shall dispose of agricultural land acquired for industrial purposes within one year after acquisition if construction contracts are not entered into within one hundred fifty days after acquisition of the land. This section does not apply to citizens or subjects of a foreign country whose rights to hold land are secured by treaty or to common carriers by railroad subject to the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

**SECTION 67. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 47-15.1-03 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1. A lessor shall include in a consumer rental purchase agreement:
  - a. The total number, total amount, and timing of all payments necessary to acquire ownership of the property.

- b. A statement that the consumer does not own the property until the consumer has made the total payments necessary to acquire ownership.
- c. A statement that the consumer is responsible for the fair market value of the property at the time it is lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed, if that is the intent of the lessor.
- d. A description of the leased property sufficient to identify the property to the consumer and the lessor, including any identification numbers, if applicable, in a statement indicating whether the property is new or used. A statement indicating that the property is used when in fact it is new is not a violation of this chapter.
- e. A statement of the cash price of the property. If the agreement includes a lease of two or more items as a set, in one agreement, a statement of the aggregate cash price of all the items is sufficient.
- f. The total of initial payments paid or required to be paid at or before consummation of the agreement or delivery of the property, whichever is later.
- g. A statement that the total amount of a payment does not include other charges such as late payment penalties; default, pick-up, or reinstatement fees; and other fees which must be separately disclosed in the contract.
- h. A statement clearly summarizing the terms of the consumer's option to purchase, including a statement that the consumer has the right to exercise any early purchase options and the price or formula or method for determining the price at which the property may be purchased at any given time.
- i. A statement identifying the party responsible for maintaining or servicing the property while the property is being leased, together with a description of that responsibility, and a statement that if any part of the manufacturer's express warranty covers the leased property at the time the consumer acquires ownership of the property, the warranty is transferred to the consumer, if allowed by the terms of the warranty.
- j. The date of the transaction, the identification of the lessor and consumer, and the address where the property will be primarily located during the possession of the consumer under the ~~commercial~~ consumer rental purchase agreement.
- k. A statement that the consumer may terminate the agreement at any time without penalty by voluntarily surrendering or returning the property in good repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, along with any payment of any past due rent.
- l. Notice of the right to reinstate an agreement as provided in this chapter.
- m. A statement that the lessor is required by law to provide the consumer a written receipt, upon request by the consumer at the lessor's place of business, for each payment made by cash or money order.

**SECTION 68. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 50-06-01.8 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3. The training, education, employment, and management program established under this section must provide for uniform and consistent treatment of income and assets in determining eligibility; provide for the creation of a uniform method of budgeting and computing benefits, a consistent certification period for the receipt of benefits, and uniform reporting requirements; provide for necessary child care to allow a participant to meet educational and employment goals; and provide for universal employment and training to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient. The training, education, employment, and management program may be administered notwithstanding the requirements of section 50-01.2-03, ~~section 50-03-07~~, subsections 17 and 19 of section 50-06-05.1, chapter 50-09, and section 50-11.1-11.1, relating to the administration of the temporary assistance for needy families, fuel assistance, and food stamp programs. The training,

education, employment, and management program may require any participant to cooperate with child support enforcement efforts.

**SECTION 69. AMENDMENT.** Section 51-14-03.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**51-14-03.2. Application of other provisions.** Credit extended by a seller or holder of a revolving charge agreement to a buyer is not subject to chapter ~~13-03~~, 13-03.1; or 47-14.

**SECTION 70. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 53-06.2-11 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. A licensee may not use any of the portion deducted for expenses under subsections 1 and 2 for expenses not directly incurred by the licensee in conducting parimutuel racing under the certificate system. After paying qualifying expenses, the licensee shall use the remainder of the amount so withheld only for eligible uses allowed to charitable gambling organizations under subsection ~~6 2~~ of section ~~53-06.1-04~~ 53-06.1-11.

**SECTION 71. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-40-01 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Two or more governmental units or municipal corporations having in common any portion of their territory or boundary, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise their respective separate powers, or any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining any building for their joint use. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes ~~and means~~ every city, county, ~~town~~, park district, school district, states and United States governments and departments of each thereof, and all other political subdivisions even though not specifically named or referred to herein.

**SECTION 72. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-08 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-08. ~~Tax~~ General fund levy limitations in cities.** The aggregate amount levied for general city purposes may not exceed an amount produced by a levy of thirty-eight mills on the taxable valuation of property in the city; ~~provided, that in cities. Cities with a population of over five thousand they be permitted to may~~ levy an additional one-half of one mill for each additional one thousand population in excess of five thousand, ~~and provided, further, that the up to a maximum levy for general city purposes may not exceed of forty mills, except that a.~~ A city, when authorized by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the question ~~upon the submission of such question~~ at a regularly scheduled or special election called for such purpose pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body of ~~such the city, may increase the maximum mill levy for general city purposes by not more than ten mills, and that in a city supporting a band or public library an additional levy, not to exceed one mill on the taxable valuation of property in such city, may be made for a band, and an additional levy not to exceed four mills on the taxable valuation of property in such city may be made for a public library.~~

**SECTION 73.** A new subsection to section 57-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Taxes levied for support of a city band may be levied in an amount not exceeding one mill.

**SECTION 74. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-35.3-05 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- b. For purposes of determining distributions to and from the counties under section ~~57-38.3-09~~ 57-35.3-09:

- (1) The balance in the financial institution tax distribution fund and the amount of the payment received by each county from the state shall be determined as if any credit allowed under subdivision a had not been claimed and the full amount of the tax otherwise due had been timely paid;
- (2) The credited amount must be deducted from the distributions that would otherwise be made to and from the county that received the tax overpayment until the sum of the deductions equals the credit; and
- (3) The deductions from distributions made by a county to each distributee must be proportionate to the overpayment of tax received by each distributee.

**SECTION 75. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-04.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-04.1-13. Operator deemed to be doing business within state - Resident agent.** A person shall be deemed doing business within this state when engaged in weather modification operations within the boundaries of this state, and shall, if not already qualified to do business within this state under chapter ~~40-22~~ 10-19.1, prior to conducting such operations, file with the secretary of state an authorization designating an agent for the service of process.

**SECTION 76. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-04.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-04.1-14. Issuance of license - Fee.** The board shall provide, by rule, the procedure and criteria for the issuance of a license. The board, in accordance with its rules, shall issue a weather modification license to each applicant who:

1. Pays a license fee of fifty dollars.
2. Demonstrates competence to engage in weather modification operations, to the satisfaction of the board.
3. Designates an agent for the service of process pursuant to section 61-04.1-13 or chapter ~~40-22~~ 10-19.1.

Each license issued by the board shall be nontransferable and shall expire on December thirty-first of the year of issuance. A license shall be revocable for cause at any time prior to such date if, after holding a hearing upon due notice, the board shall determine that cause for revocation exists. License fees collected by the board shall be paid into the general fund in the state treasury.

**SECTION 77. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-21-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-21-47. Expenditures in excess of maximum levy.** If the cost of maintenance, cleaning out, and repairing any drain shall exceed the amount produced by the maximum levy of one dollar and fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare] in any year, ~~together~~ with the amount accumulated in the drainage fund, the board may proceed with such cleaning out and make an additional levy only upon petition of at least sixty-one percent of the affected landowners. The percentage of the affected landowners signing such petition shall be determined in accordance with the weighted voting provisions in section 61-21-16.

**SECTION 78. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-35-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**61-35-25. Alternate operation by nonprofit corporation or cooperative.** A nonprofit corporation or cooperative association established under title 10 for the specific purpose of operating a rural water system may petition the state engineer to organize a district, in the manner provided by section 61-35-02. The signatures of the corporation's or cooperative's officers on the petition and a resolution adopted by the members in the manner provided in section 10-15-37 for amendments to articles or in the manner provided in ~~subsections 1 and 2 of section 10-26-04~~ chapter 10-33 for

dissolution, as the case may be, approving the petition suffice in lieu of signatures of owners of fifty percent of the real property in the proposed district, if the petition presenter provides evidence satisfactory to the state engineer that a sufficient number of members of the proposed district will subscribe or have subscribed to benefit units to make its operation feasible. The procedure for hearing and determination of disposition of the petition is as provided by this chapter. In any district organized upon the petition of a nonprofit corporation or cooperative association, the following procedures apply:

1. After final approval of the petition by the state engineer, the secretary of the corporation or cooperative shall file a notice with the corporation or cooperative in accordance with title 10.
2. Upon filing of the notice, the nonprofit corporation or cooperative ceases to exist as a title 10 entity and all assets and liabilities of the nonprofit corporation or cooperative become the assets and liabilities of the newly organized district without any further meetings, voting, notice to creditors, or other actions by the members of the board.
3. The officers and board of directors of the corporation or cooperative are the officers and board of the district.
4. The applicable laws of the state and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the corporation or cooperative control the initial size and initial term of office of officers and the board, in lieu of sections 61-35-08 through 61-35-11.
5. The district shall bring its operation and structure into compliance with the requirements of section 61-35-08 regarding the number and qualification of directors, section 61-35-09 regarding new bylaws, section 61-35-10 regarding dividing its directors into classes, and section 61-35-11 regarding board meetings at the first annual meeting of the participating members and board. The new district has all the rights and all the property of the original corporation or cooperative and is responsible for all its obligations. Title to any property is vested in the new district with no reversion or impairment of ownership rights caused by the conversion to a district. A water supply agreement entered by a nonprofit corporation or cooperative association is binding for its term on a successor district organized by the nonprofit corporation or cooperative association, unless otherwise agreed in writing by all parties to the agreement. The right of any creditor may not be impaired by this section without the creditor's consent.

**SECTION 79. REPEAL.** Sections 10-19.1-03, 10-19.1-131, 14-02.1-06, 28-32-22, and chapter 61-24.4 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1045.

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