

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1211

Introduced by

Representative Winrich

Senator DeMers

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-09-02 and subsection 4 of section
2 16.1-12-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of certificates of candidacy
3 by write-in candidates.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **16.1-09-02. Statement of interests to be filed.** Every candidate for elective office
8 shall file a statement of interests as required by this chapter. In a year when a president and
9 vice president of the United States are to be chosen, presidential and vice presidential
10 candidates shall file with the secretary of state either a statement of interests as required by
11 this chapter or a copy of the personal disclosure statement that is required by the federal
12 election commission. A candidate for elective office shall file the statement of interests with the
13 officer with whom the candidate filed the candidate's certificate of nomination, certificate of
14 endorsement, ~~or~~ petition of nomination, or certificate of write-in candidacy. Candidates for
15 elective office who are required to file such statements shall do so at the time of filing a
16 certificate of nomination, a certificate of endorsement, ~~or~~ a petition of nomination, or a
17 certificate of write-in candidacy, pursuant to chapter 16.1-11, 16.1-12, or 40-21, as is
18 appropriate; ~~provided, that any.~~ A person who has filed a statement as the result of candidacy
19 in a primary election need not refile ~~prior to~~ before running in the following general election. A
20 write-in candidate who is not required to file a certificate of write-in candidacy shall file the
21 statement of interests after the candidate's election at the time of filing the required oath of
22 office. Every person who is appointed by the governor to a state agency, board, bureau,
23 commission, department, or occupational or professional licensing board shall file a statement

1 of interests as required by this chapter with the secretary of state simultaneously with
2 announcement of the appointment.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 16.1-12-02.2 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 4. A person who intends to be a write-in candidate for any legislative district office
6 shall file a certificate of write-in candidacy with the election officer with whom the
7 candidate would otherwise file to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot.
8 The certificate must contain the name, address, and signature of the candidate.
9 Certificates must be filed by four p.m. on the fourth day before the election. When
10 the candidate files a certificate, the candidate also shall file the contribution
11 statement provided for under section 16.1-08.1-02 complete through the day of the
12 filing of the certificate.