

PROPOSED CREATION OF SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 504.1

1 **SECTION 1.** Senate Rule 504.1 is created as follows:

2 **504.1. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** In addition to the meetings
3 authorized under Senate Rule 504, the Appropriations Committee may meet for not more than
4 five calendar days during the period after the organizational session has adjourned and the
5 regular session is convened, as called by the chairman of the committee. The chairman shall
6 cause notice of the time and place of the meetings to be posted.

7 **SECTION 2.** House Rule 504.1 is created as follows:

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11 regular session is convened, as called by the chairman of the committee. The chairman shall
12 cause notice of the time and place of the meetings to be posted.

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment authorizes the Appropriations Committees to meet outside the regular legislative session timeframe. Under Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, no regular session may exceed eighty natural days during the biennium, and days spent in regular session need not be consecutive. That section further provides "the legislative assembly may authorize its committees to meet at any time during the biennium."

North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-20 provides, in part, that each member of the Legislative Assembly is entitled to receive as compensation for services the sum of one hundred eleven dollars "for each calendar day during any organizational, special, or regular legislative session." Thus, during the timeframe of a legislative session, regardless of whether the meeting day is a "legislative" day, committees may meet, and committee members will receive regular session compensation. A statutory change is necessary in order to receive this compensation outside the normal timeframe of a session.