

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1060

Introduced by

Representative Sveen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to legislative redistricting requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-01.5 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-01.5. Legislative ~~apportionment~~ redistricting requirements.** A legislative
7 ~~apportionment~~ redistricting plan based on any census taken after ~~1989~~ 1999 must meet the
8 following requirements:

- 9 1. The senate must consist of forty-nine members and the house must consist of
10 ninety-eight members.
- 11 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, one senator and two representatives must be
12 apportioned to each senatorial district. Representatives may be elected at large or
13 from subdistricts, except representatives must be elected from subdistricts in every
14 senatorial district having a geographical area of one thousand square miles
15 [259000 hectares] or more.
- 16 3. Multimember senate districts providing for two senators and four representatives
17 are authorized only when a proposed single member senatorial district includes a
18 federal facility or federal installation, containing over two-thirds of the population of
19 the proposed single member senatorial district.
- 20 4. Legislative districts and subdistricts must be compact and of contiguous territory.
- 21 5. Legislative districts and subdistricts must be as nearly equal in population as is
22 practicable. Population deviation from district to district and subdistrict to
23 subdistrict must be kept at a minimum. The total population variance of all

- 1 districts; and subdistricts ~~if created~~, from the average district and average
- 2 subdistrict population may not exceed recognized constitutional limitations.