

SENATE BILL NO. 2232

Introduced by

Senators B. Stenehjem, Kringstad, Thompson

Representatives Carlisle, Hoffner, Cleary

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the qualifications of members of the board of election.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-02 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. a. ~~Every~~ Except as provided in subdivision b, every member of the election
7 board and each poll clerk must be a qualified elector of the precinct in which
8 the person is assigned to work and must be eligible to vote at the polling place
9 to which the person is assigned unless the county auditor has exhausted all
10 means to appoint election judges and clerks from within the voting precinct
11 under subsection 2 of section 16.1-05-01.

12 b. A student enrolled in a high school or college in this state who has attained
13 the age of sixteen is eligible to be appointed as a poll clerk if the student
14 possesses the following qualifications:

15 (1) Is a United States citizen or will be a citizen at the time of the election at
16 which the student will be serving as a member of an election board;

17 (2) Is a resident of this state and has resided in the precinct at least thirty
18 days before the election; and

19 (3) Is a student in good standing attending a public or private secondary or
20 higher education institution.

21 c. A student appointed as a poll clerk must be excused from school attendance
22 during the hours that the student is serving as a poll clerk, including training
23 sessions, if the student submits a written request signed and approved by the
24 student's parent or guardian to be absent from school and a certification from

1 the district party chairman or county auditor stating the hours during which the
2 student will serve. A student excused from school attendance under this
3 subdivision may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the
4 excuse is operative nor may the student be penalized by the school in any
5 manner. No more than two students may serve as poll clerks on an election
6 board.