

**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. 1050
(Legislative Council)
(Regulatory Reform Review Commission)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a regulatory reform review commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Regulatory reform review commission - Appointments - Compensation - Report to legislative council. The regulatory reform review commission shall review the operation and effect of North Dakota telecommunications law on an ongoing basis during the interims between the 1999 and 2003 legislative sessions and shall submit a report regarding its operation and effect to the legislative council in 2000 and 2002. The regulatory reform review commission may review the effects of federal universal service support mechanisms on telecommunications companies and consumers in this state and may review the preservation and advancement of universal service in this state, consistent with the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104-104; 110 Stat. 56] during these interims and may include any findings and recommendations in its reports to the legislative council. The regulatory reform review commission consists of one member of the public service commission who has responsibility for telecommunications regulation, two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker. The chairman of the legislative council shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the regulatory reform review commission from the legislative members of the commission. The public service commission shall provide technical assistance and the legislative council shall provide staff services to the regulatory reform review commission. The legislative members of the regulatory reform review commission are entitled to the same compensation as provided for members of committees of the legislative council. The legislative council shall pay the compensation for the legislative members of the regulatory reform review commission. The public service commission shall pay the expenses of the member of the public service commission serving on the regulatory reform review commission and the public service commission staff providing technical assistance while carrying out their duties.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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. 1050.

House Vote: Yeas 97 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 Absent 4

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State