

**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. 1211  
(Representative Winrich)  
(Senator DeMers)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 16.1-09-02 and subsection 4 of section 16.1-12-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of certificates of candidacy by write-in candidates.

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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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. 1211.

House Vote:      Yeas    97      Nays    0      Absent    1

Senate Vote:    Yeas    48      Nays    0      Absent    1

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

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

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Secretary of State