

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2244
(Senator Krauter)
(Representatives Froelich, Kerzman)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 11-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the residence of candidates for election to a county office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 11-10-04 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11-10-04. Officer must be qualified elector - Exceptions.

1. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the laws of this state, a county officer must be a qualified elector in the county in which the person is appointed, and a county commissioner must be a qualified elector in the district from which the commissioner is chosen. ~~Upon~~
2. Notwithstanding subsection 3, upon approval of the board of county commissioners of each affected county, a person may serve as an elected officer of more than one county and must be a qualified elector of one of the counties in which the person is elected.
3. A candidate for election to a county office must be, at the time of election, a qualified elector in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is to serve.
4. Two or more counties may appoint one person to fill the same office in each county and the person filling the office must be a qualified elector of one of the counties.
5.
 - a. The boards of county commissioners of two or more counties may agree by resolution to elect a multicounty jurisdiction state's attorney pursuant to chapter 11-10.3. An agreement made between two or more counties according to this subsection must specify procedures for filing for office, the use of a single canvassing board, the sharing of election personnel, the printing of election materials, the publishing of legal notices, and the apportioning of election expenses. A candidate for election to the office of multicounty jurisdiction state's attorney must be a qualified elector of the multicounty jurisdiction at the time of the election; or
 - b. The boards of county commissioners of two or more counties may agree by resolution to allow any candidate for the office of state's attorney to petition for office in each county, and to serve if elected, if the candidate is a qualified elector of one of the counties at the time of the election. To be elected to serve a county in which the candidate is not a resident, the candidate must receive the highest number of votes for the office in that county. Each county shall certify the results and issue certificates of election pursuant to chapter 16.1-15.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2244.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State