

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2426

Introduced by

Senators Trenbeath, Lyson, Traynor

Representatives Klemin, Kretschmar, Mahoney

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to harassment of and communication with jurors; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **12.1-09-04. Harassment of and communication with jurors.**

- 7 1. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if, with intent to influence the official
8 action of another as juror, ~~he~~ that person communicates directly or indirectly with
9 ~~him orally or by means of a sound broadcasting or transmitting device~~ the juror,
10 other than as part of the proceedings in a case, or harasses or alarms ~~him~~ the
11 juror. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if, with the intent to harass or
12 annoy a former juror because of the verdict returned by the jury or the participation
13 of the juror in the verdict, that person communicates directly or indirectly with the
14 juror in a manner that intimidates the juror or conveys a threat of injury or damage
15 to the juror's property or person. Conduct directed against the juror's spouse or
16 other relative residing in the same household with the juror shall be deemed
17 conduct directed against the juror.
- 18 2. In this section, "juror" means a grand juror or a petit juror and includes a person
19 who has been drawn or summoned to attend as a prospective juror, and any
20 referee, arbitrator, umpire, or assessor authorized by law to hear and determine
21 any controversy.