

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2197  
(Senators Lee, Cook)  
(Representatives Delmore, Huether, Koppang, B. Thoreson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 11-07-04 and section 44-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the terms of office of members of the board of county commissioners and vacancies in boards of county commissioners.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 11-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. When redistricting is completed or if failure to redistrict requires at large election of commissioners as provided in section 11-07-03, all commissioners then holding office who will be elected in the same manner, either from districts or at large, as they were elected at the last election shall complete the remainder of that term of office. However, an election must be held at the next general election in any district where redistricting places two or more holdover commissioners in that district or leaves a district without a commissioner residing in the district. In those counties retaining the same method of electing county commissioners as that utilized ~~prior to~~ before a decennial, or other, redistricting, elections ~~shall~~ must continue on a staggered basis in accordance with the same classes in force ~~prior to~~ before the effective date of a redistricting ~~under this chapter~~. At the first general election following redistricting of the county or election of commissioners at large, the county commissioner offices held by commissioners whose terms would end in the month of ~~January~~ December following that general election ~~shall~~ must be open for election.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**44-02-05. Vacancy in board of county commissioners - How filled.** When a vacancy occurs in the board of county commissioners, the remaining members of the board, with the district judge ~~serving~~ selected by the remaining county and auditor commissioners, immediately shall appoint some suitable person to fill the vacancy from the district in which the vacancy occurred. If a majority of the officers fails to agree upon a person to fill the vacancy, the county treasurer ~~shall~~ or, if the county does not have an elected treasurer, another elective county officer must be called in and shall act as an additional member of the board to fill the vacancy. The appointee holds office until the appointee's successor is elected at the next general election and qualified.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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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. 2197.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    46          Nays    0          Absent    3

House Vote:      Yeas    97          Nays    0          Absent    1

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State