

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2422**

Introduced by

Senator G. Nelson

Representative Belter

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-11-08 and 16.1-11-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to party affiliation in elections for elective county and city offices; and to repeal section 40-21-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to party affiliation in petitions of candidates for city elective offices.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-08 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-11-08. Reference to party affiliation in petition and affidavit prohibited for certain offices - Exceptions.** No reference may be made to a party ballot or to the party affiliation of a candidate in a petition and affidavit filed by or on behalf of a candidate for nomination in the primary election to ~~an elective county office~~, the office of judge of the supreme court, judge of the district court, or superintendent of public instruction. Each elective county and city office must be placed on the no-party ballot. However, a candidate for nomination to an elective county or city office may request that the ballot contain a reference to a designation in not more than five words of the party or principle that the candidate represents.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-11-24. No-party primary ballot - Contents.** There must be a separate ballot at all primary elections which must be entitled "no-party primary ballot". The names of aspirants for nomination to each office must be arranged on the no-party primary ballot in separate groups in their order. In precincts in which voting machines are used, the list of offices and candidates must be entitled "no-party primary ballot" in a manner to indicate clearly the separation of the no-party list of offices and candidates from the party list of offices and candidates. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 16.1-11-08, the names of all candidates for any

1 of the offices mentioned in section 16.1-11-08 must be placed on the ballot without party  
2 designation. Immediately under the name of each office must be placed the language, "Vote  
3 for no more than \_\_\_\_\_ name (or names)." The number inserted must be the number to  
4 be elected to the office at the next succeeding general election.

5 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 40-21-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 repealed.