

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1124**

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 46-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to review and adjustment of rates for legal notices by the office of management and  
3 budget.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 46-05-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **46-05-03. Legal notices - Fees.** To effect uniformity, the office of management and  
8 budget may compute a standard price on those legal notices which are widely published such  
9 as ballots, insurance statements, and official proclamations. All newspapers must use the  
10 rates, type size, and column width as shown on its legal notice rate certification issued by the  
11 office of management and budget. Certifications must be issued within fifteen days after  
12 samples are submitted, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

13 The office of management and budget shall ~~annually~~ biennially review and adjust rates  
14 to reflect changes in economic conditions within the newspaper industry and the general  
15 economy, and those adjustments become effective on each July first following the review.  
16 These ~~annual~~ biennial changes may be percentage increases or decreases in the base rates,  
17 and they may incorporate revisions in the base rate structure. Whenever the office of  
18 management and budget considers an adjustment in the legal publication rates contained  
19 herein, it shall consult with representatives of the daily and weekly newspaper industry of the  
20 state and with representatives of state and local units of government.