

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1252

Introduced by

Representatives Haas, F. Klein

Senator Espegard

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 44-06-13.1 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to signatures on notarial certificates; and to amend and reenact  
3 section 47-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to documents entitled to recording.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 44-06-13.1 of the 1999 Supplement to the  
6 North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 The signature on the document or the notarial certificate is not an original  
8 signature, except as otherwise provided by law.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-19-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **47-19-03. Prerequisites to recording instruments.** Before an instrument can be  
12 recorded, unless it belongs to a class provided for in section 47-19-02 or 47-19-40, its execution  
13 must be established:

- 14 1. If executed by an individual, by acknowledgment by the person executing the  
15 same;
- 16 2. If executed by a corporation or limited liability company, by execution and  
17 acknowledgment by the person or persons authorized to execute instruments  
18 under section 47-10-05.1;
- 19 3. By proof by a subscribing witness as is provided by section 47-19-22; and
- 20 4. By proof of the handwriting of the person executing an instrument and of a  
21 subscribing witness thereto as is prescribed by sections 47-19-23 and 47-19-24  
22 and filing of the original instrument in the proper office there to remain for public  
23 inspection.

- 1 Except as otherwise provided by law, before an instrument may be recorded, the document and
- 2 any acknowledgment must be executed with an original signature.