

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1053

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Regulatory Reform Review Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 49-21-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the regulatory reform review commission; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 49-21-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **49-21-22.2. Regulatory reform review commission - Appointments -**
7 **Compensation - Report to legislative council.** The regulatory reform review commission
8 shall review the operation and effect of North Dakota telecommunications law on an ongoing
9 basis during the ~~interims~~ interim between the ~~1999~~ 2003 and ~~2003~~ 2005 legislative sessions
10 and shall submit a report regarding its operation and effect to the legislative council in ~~2000~~ and
11 ~~2002~~ 2004. The regulatory reform review commission may review the effects of federal
12 universal service support mechanisms on telecommunications companies and consumers in
13 this state and may review the preservation and advancement of universal service in this state,
14 consistent with the Communications Act of 1934 [47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.], as amended by the
15 Telecommunications Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104-104; 110 Stat. 56] during these interims and may
16 include any findings and recommendations in its reports to the legislative council. The
17 regulatory reform review commission consists of one member of the public service commission
18 who has responsibility for telecommunications regulation, two members of the senate,
19 appointed by the president of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives,
20 appointed by the speaker. The chairman of the legislative council shall designate the chairman
21 and vice chairman of the regulatory reform review commission from the legislative members of
22 the commission. The public service commission shall provide technical assistance and the
23 legislative council shall provide staff services to the regulatory reform review commission. The
24 legislative members of the regulatory reform review commission are entitled to the same

1 compensation as provided for members of committees of the legislative council. The legislative
2 council shall pay the compensation for the legislative members of the regulatory reform review
3 commission. The public service commission shall pay the expenses of the member of the
4 public service commission serving on the regulatory reform review commission and the public
5 service commission staff providing technical assistance while carrying out their duties.

6 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through December 31, 2004,
7 and after that date is ineffective.