

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1410  
(Representatives Iverson, Eckre, Ekstrom, Thoreson)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 16.1-03-03, subsection 2 of section 16.1-03-07, and section 16.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to political party organization.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-03-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-03-03. Caucus business and elections - Political parties entitled to elect committeemen.**

1. Each precinct caucus shall elect a chairman, committeemen as provided in subsection 3, and other officers as may be provided by party rules. The caucus may also discuss party policies, candidates, and any other business as prescribed by party rules.
2. No political organization is entitled to elect a precinct committeeman at its precinct caucus unless:
  - a. The organization nominated and had printed on the ballot at the last preceding presidential election the names of a set of presidential electors pledged to the election of the party's candidates for president and vice president or a candidate for governor; and
  - b. The candidates provided for in subdivision a received at least five percent of the total vote cast for presidential electors or governor within this state at that election.
3. Each political party in each voting precinct of this state, otherwise qualifying under subsection 2, is entitled to elect one precinct committeeman for each two hundred fifty votes, or fraction thereof, cast for the party's presidential electors in the precinct in the last presidential election. Each precinct is entitled to at least one precinct committeeman for each party which qualifies under subsection 2. Each precinct committeeman must be an elector of the precinct in which the committeeman resides and must be elected for a two-year term.
4. ~~The caucus chairman shall notify the county auditor of those precinct committeemen elected.~~

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 16.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. ~~The newly elected chairman shall notify the secretary of state of the names of the party officers selected. The secretary of state shall certify the names of the party officers to the county auditors. If the office of chairman becomes vacant, the vice chairman shall hold the office until the next regular election for the office or until a new chairman is selected by the district committee for the balance of the term, whichever occurs first. The secretary of state must be notified of any changes in membership of the district's committee officers by the district committee and must notify the county auditors of any changes.~~

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-03-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-03-11. State committee - Meetings - Organization - Vacancies.** The state committee shall meet on or before July first of each odd-numbered year. The committee shall organize by selecting a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer and by adopting rules and modes of procedure. The party's bylaws must be filed with the secretary of state. The officers elected need not be members of the committee, but they shall become voting members of the committee after their election. ~~The~~ Within thirty days following the state committee's organization, the newly elected chairman shall notify the secretary of state of the names of the party officers selected and the names and addresses of the party's district chairmen. These officers, with any other persons provided for by the party's bylaws and as the state committee designates, constitute the executive committee of the state committee. If the office of chairman becomes vacant, the vice chairman holds the office until the next regular election for the office or until a new chairman is selected by the state committee for the balance of the term, whichever occurs first. A vacancy in an office of the state committee, other than chairman and a party district chairman, must be filled upon a majority vote of the state committee. The chairman of the state committee may temporarily fill any vacancy existing on the state committee until the state committee convenes to fill the vacancy. The secretary of state must be notified of any changes in membership of the state's committee officers or the party's district chairmen.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1410.

House Vote:      Yeas    94      Nays    0      Absent    0

Senate Vote:    Yeas    41      Nays    2      Absent    4

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

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

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Secretary of State