

SENATE BILL NO. 2393

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Grindberg, Nelson

Representatives Glassheim, Price

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a growing North Dakota commission; and to provide an
2 expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Commission - Creation - Membership.** The governor shall appoint a
5 growing North Dakota commission. The commission consists of:

- 6 1. The governor, or the governor's designee, who serves as the chairman;
- 7 2. Two residents of this state under the age of twenty-five selected from a list of
8 names submitted by North Dakota institutions of higher education at the request of
9 the governor;
- 10 3. One teacher selected from a list of names submitted by the North Dakota
11 education association;
- 12 4. Two business representatives selected from a list of names submitted by the
13 greater North Dakota association, one of whom must be the owner-operator of a
14 business with fewer than fifteen employees;
- 15 5. Two representatives of organized labor selected from a list of names submitted by
16 the North Dakota AFL-CIO;
- 17 6. The agriculture commissioner;
- 18 7. One farmer and one rancher, one of whom must be selected from a list of names
19 of three farmers and three ranchers submitted by the North Dakota farmers union
20 and one of whom must be selected from a list of names of three farmers and three
21 ranchers submitted by the North Dakota farm bureau;
- 22 8. One representative of Indian tribes;
- 23 9. One representative of nonprofit organizations selected from nominations solicited
24 by the governor from nonprofit organizations in the state; and

10. At least four representatives of North Dakota institutions of higher education selected from a list of names submitted by the state board of higher education.

SECTION 2. Commission meetings - Staff.

1. The growing North Dakota commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chairman.
2. The chairman shall set the date and time of each meeting and shall provide at least ten days' notice of each meeting to all committee members.
3. The governor shall determine the staff needs of the commission. The governor's office shall compensate the staff and shall furnish suitable office space for the staff, together with all necessary equipment, furniture, and supplies.

SECTION 3. Compensation - Board members. Each member of the growing North Dakota commission who is not an officer or employee of the state or an employee of a political subdivision is entitled to receive compensation in the amount of eighty dollars per day while attending meetings and performing duties directed by the commission. Each member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for other state officers while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the board.

SECTION 4. Duties. The commission shall:

1. Solicit and receive information on and monitor state, regional, and federal public and private initiatives to improve the economy of the state and the surrounding states.
2. Solicit and receive information on and monitor legislative initiatives to improve the economy of the state, retain the population of the state, and increase the population of the state.
3. Prepare proposed legislation determined by the commission to be necessary to build the economic strength and increase the population of the state.
4. Recommend federal legislation, determined by the commission to be necessary to build the economic strength and increase the population of the state, to the North Dakota congressional delegation.
5. Serve as a source of expertise for developing public and private initiatives that grow the population and economy of the state.

1 **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2005, and
2 after that date is ineffective.