

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1465

Introduced by

Representatives Drovdal, DeKrey, Kerzman

Senator Nichols

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision e of subsection 19 of section 20.1-02-05
2 and sections 20.1-02-23, 20.1-02-24, and 20.1-02-25 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to a game and fish commission.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision e of subsection 19 of section 20.1-02-05 of
6 the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 e. Receiving advice from the game and fish ~~advisory board~~ commission
8 concerning expenditures from the game and fish private land habitat and
9 access improvement fund.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-02-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **20.1-02-23. Game and fish ~~advisory board~~ commission - Appointment -**

13 **Qualifications - Term.** The state game and fish ~~advisory board~~ commission consists of eight
14 members, one from each of the following districts, appointed by the governor:

- 15 1. District one shall consist of the counties of Divide, McKenzie, and Williams.
- 16 2. District two shall consist of the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail,
17 Pierce, Renville, and Ward.
- 18 3. District three shall consist of the counties of Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey,
19 Rolette, and Towner.
- 20 4. District four shall consist of the counties of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and
21 Walsh.
- 22 5. District five shall consist of the counties of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent,
23 Steele, and Traill.

6. District six shall consist of the counties of Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, and Wells.

7. District seven shall consist of the counties of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux.

8. District eight shall consist of the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark.

Four members must be bona fide farmers or ranchers and four members must be bona fide sportsmen. Each farmer or rancher appointment must be made from a list of three names submitted by agricultural organizations requested by the governor to submit the list and each sportsman appointment must be made from a list of three names submitted by outdoor, sportsmen, wildlife, and conservation organizations requested by the governor to submit the list. Appointments are for a term of four years from the first day of July of the year of expiration of the basic term, and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring other than by the expiration of an appointive term may be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term only. ~~No~~ A member of the board commission may not serve longer than two full terms. The members of the ~~advisory board~~ commission are subject to removal by the governor for cause only. The ~~advisory board~~ commission shall select from ~~their~~ its members a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary who serve in these positions until June thirtieth of the year next following their selection. A member of the commission on the effective date of this Act is entitled to complete that member's term.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-02-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

20.1-02-24. Compensation. Each member of the ~~advisory board~~ commission is entitled to be paid a per diem of fifty dollars for each day of service in going to, attending, and returning from the meetings required by section 20.1-02-25 to be held in that person's respective district and the meetings of the ~~advisory board~~ commission. Each member is entitled to be reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses at the rates and in the manner provided by law for other state officers. The compensation and expenses must be paid out of department appropriations.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 20.1-02-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **20.1-02-25. Meetings and duties.** Each ~~board~~ commission member shall hold a
2 public meeting at least twice each fiscal year in the ~~board~~ commission member's respective
3 district to make presentations and to determine the needs and the opinions of those interested
4 in these activities. The ~~board shall meet at least twice each fiscal year~~ commission shall
5 conduct a minimum of two meetings per fiscal year, as determined necessary by the
6 commission. The ~~board has the authority to advise the director regarding~~ commission may
7 develop any policy ~~of regarding~~ hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations, and ~~may~~ shall make
8 general recommendations concerning the operation of the department and its programs that the
9 director ~~may~~ shall carry out. The ~~board~~ commission shall forward copies of its
10 recommendations to the governor. This section does not limit or restrict the powers, duties, and
11 authority of the governor in the issuance of orders and proclamations as provided in chapter
12 20.1-08.