Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

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Representatives Thoreson, Carlson, DeKrey, Horter Senators Erbele, Seymour

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-01-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to publication of city government proceedings.

substantive actions taken at the meeting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 40-01-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

40-01-09.1. Publication of city government proceedings - Electorate to decide.

Beginning with the 1996 biennial municipal elections, and every Every four years thereafter, all cities in North Dakota this state, regardless of their form of government, must put on the ballot the question of whether the minutes of its the governing body shall of the city are required to be published in its the city's official newspaper. The governing body may place a statement on the ballot indicating the cost of publishing the minutes to the governing body. If voters approve publication, the governing body shall, within seven days after each of its meetings, give its official newspaper, for publication, the complete minutes, or a complete summary showing the

Roll call votes must be published, but may be indicated as "unanimous" where appropriate. A list of the individual checks written by the city and approved by the governing body, showing the payee and the amount of each check, must be either published, or the itemized list of obligations approved for payment must be posted for a period of at least twelve months on an internet web site designated by the city and the published minutes must identify the web site address at which the list may be viewed and must state that the list is also available in printed form upon request. However, employee salary checks need not be published if the governing body elects to publish an annual salary schedule for each employee. When applicable, these minutes may be labeled as being published subject to the governing

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- 1 body's review and revision. The minutes shall must continue to be published until disapproved
- 2 at a succeeding quadrennial election.