

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

Introduced by

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.

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

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

6 **40-01-09.1. Publication of city government proceedings - Electorate to decide.**

7 ~~Beginning with the 1996 biennial municipal elections, and every~~ Every four years thereafter, all
8 cities in ~~North Dakota~~ this state, regardless of their form of government, must put on the ballot
9 the question of whether the minutes of ~~its~~ the governing body shall of the city are required to be
10 published in its the city's official newspaper. The governing body may place a statement on the
11 ballot stating that the cost of publishing the minutes of the governing body is at taxpayer
12 expense. If voters approve publication, the governing body shall, within seven days after each
13 of its meetings, give its official newspaper, for publication, the complete minutes, or a complete
14 summary showing the substantive actions taken at the meeting.

15 Roll call votes must be published, but may be indicated as "unanimous" where
16 appropriate. A list of the individual checks written by the city and approved by the governing
17 body, showing the payee and the amount of each check, must be published. However,
18 employee salary checks need not be published if the governing body elects to publish an
19 annual salary schedule for each employee. When applicable, these minutes may be labeled as
20 being published subject to the governing body's review and revision. The minutes ~~shall~~ must
21 continue to be published until disapproved at a succeeding quadrennial election.