

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the energy development and transmission committee; and to provide an expiration  
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-35-18. (Effective through August 1, 2007 2011) ~~Electric industry competition--~~**  
8 **~~Need for study~~ Energy development and transmission committee.** ~~The legislative council~~  
9 ~~shall study the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric~~  
10 ~~energy within this state. The legislative assembly finds that the economy of this state depends~~  
11 ~~on the availability of reliable, low cost electric energy. There is a national trend toward~~  
12 ~~competition in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy and the~~  
13 ~~legislative assembly acknowledges that this competition has both potential benefits and~~  
14 ~~adverse impacts on this state's electric suppliers as well as on their shareholders and~~  
15 ~~customers and the citizens of this state. The legislative assembly determines that it is in the~~  
16 ~~best interests of the citizens of this state to study the effects of competition on the generation,~~  
17 ~~transmission, and distribution of electric energy. The legislative council, during each biennium,~~  
18 ~~shall appoint an energy development and transmission committee in the same manner as the~~  
19 ~~council appoints other interim committees. The council shall appoint six members of the house~~  
20 ~~of representatives, four of whom must be from the majority political party and two of whom must~~  
21 ~~be from the minority political party, and six members of the senate, four of whom must be from~~  
22 ~~the majority political party and two of whom must be from the minority political party. The~~  
23 ~~chairman of the legislative council shall designate the chairman of the committee. The~~  
24 ~~committee shall operate according to the statutes and procedure governing the operation of~~

- 1 other legislative council interim committees. The committee shall study development of each
- 2 facet of the energy industry, from the obtaining of the raw natural resource to the sale of the
- 3 final product in this state, other states, and other countries. The study may include the review
- 4 of and recommendations relating to policy affecting extraction, generation, processing,
- 5 transmission, transportation, marketing, distribution, and use of energy.