

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Commerce Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 52-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the establishment of an unemployment insurance advisory council.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **52-02-07. State and local unemployment insurance advisory councils appointed**
7 **by bureau council - Composition - Duties - Compensation.**

8 1. The bureau governor shall appoint a state an unemployment insurance advisory
9 council and may appoint local advisory councils, composed in each case of an
10 equal number of employer representatives and employee representatives who may
11 be regarded fairly as representative because of their vocation, employment, or
12 affiliations, and of such members representing the general public as the bureau
13 may designate. Such councils shall aid the bureau in formulating policies, and
14 discussing problems related to the administration of the bureau and in assuring
15 impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of such problems
16 consisting of eight members:

17 a. Five members must represent employers, two of whom must represent
18 employers employing fewer than twenty-five employees, one of whom must
19 represent employers employing twenty-five or more employees, one of whom
20 must represent an employer from the positive employer rate groups, and one
21 of whom must represent an employer from the negative employer rate
22 groups. Each employer representative must be a principal owner, chief
23 executive officer, or chief financial officer of the employer.

- 1 b. Two members must represent employees, one of whom must represent
2 organized labor and one of whom does not hold a managerial position in
3 employment.
- 4 c. One at-large member who must be a resident of the state.
- 5 2. Of the members first appointed, the term of office of three members is three years,
6 the term of office of two members is two years, and the term of office of two
7 members is one year. Thereafter, the term of office of each member is three
8 years. The governor shall fill any vacancy on the council by appointing a member
9 to complete the unexpired term.
- 10 3. The council shall select a chairman annually from its members.
- 11 4. The unemployment insurance advisory council shall advise job service North
12 Dakota regarding issues relating to the operations, effectiveness, fairness, and
13 efficiency of the unemployment insurance program, and on any related issue or
14 concern brought to the council's attention by the executive director or the executive
15 director's designee. The council shall meet at least once each calendar year and
16 may meet at the call of the chairman or at the call of the executive director.
- 17 5. The state members of the unemployment insurance advisory council must be
18 reimbursed for any necessary expenses but shall serve without further and are
19 entitled to receive compensation except such as may be authorized and fixed by
20 the bureau by regulation. Local advisory councils may be reimbursed for any
21 necessary expenses but must serve without further compensation in the sum of
22 fifty dollars per day spent in attendance at meetings.