

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Electric Industry Competition Committee)

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.