

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1243

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Dosch, R. Kelsch

Senators Cook, Klein, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to publication of false information in political advertisements; and to provide a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-10-04. Publication of false information in political advertisements - Penalty.**

7 ~~No~~ A person may ~~knowingly~~ not sponsor any political advertisement or news release that  
8 contains any assertion, representation, or statement of fact, including information concerning a  
9 candidate's prior public record, which the sponsor knows to be untrue, deceptive, or misleading,  
10 whether on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, initiated measure,  
11 referred measure, constitutional amendment, or any other issue, question, or proposal on an  
12 election ballot, and whether ~~such~~ the publication is by radio, television, newspaper, pamphlet,  
13 folder, display cards, signs, posters, or billboard advertisements, or by any other public means.  
14 Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.