

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2234

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Triplett

Representatives L. Meier, Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 2 of section 16.1-11-06, section
2 16.1-11-10, subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-11-11, subdivision a of subsection 1 of
3 section 16.1-11-16, subsection 1 of section 16.1-11-21, subsection 2 of section 16.1-11-26, and
4 section 16.1-11-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to primary elections; and to
5 repeal section 16.1-11-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to presidential preference
6 contests.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 2 of section 16.1-11-06 of the North
9 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 1. A certificate of endorsement signed by the state chairman of any legally recognized
11 political party containing the candidate's name, post-office address, telephone
12 number, the title of the office to which the candidate aspires, and the party which
13 the candidate represents; or
14 2. A petition containing the following:
15 a. The candidate's name, post-office address, and the title of the office to which
16 the candidate aspires, the appropriate district judgeship number if applicable,
17 and whether the petition is intended for nomination for an unexpired term of
18 office if applicable.
19 b. The name of the party the candidate represents if the petition is for an office
20 under party designation.
21 c. The signatures of qualified electors, the number of which must be determined
22 as follows:
23 (1) If the office is under party designation, the signatures of three percent
24 of the total vote cast for the candidates of the party with which the

candidate affiliates for the same position at the last general election.

However, no more than three hundred signatures may be required.

(2) If there was no candidate of a party for a position at the preceding general election, at least three hundred signatures.

(3) If the office is under the no-party designation, at least three hundred signatures.

d. The mailing address and the date of signing for each signer.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-11-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-11-10. Applicant's name placed upon ballot - Affidavit to accompany petition. Upon receipt by the secretary of state of the petition or certificate of endorsement provided for in section 16.1-11-06 accompanied by the following affidavit, the secretary of state shall place the applicant's name upon the primary election ballot in the columns of the applicant's party as hereinafter provided. The affidavit must be substantially as follows:

State of North Dakota)

) ss.

County of _____)

I, _____, being sworn, say that I reside in the county of _____ and state of North Dakota; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of _____ to be chosen at the primary election to be held on _____, _____, and I request that my name be printed upon the primary election ballot as provided by law, as a candidate of the _____ party for said office. I am requesting that my name be listed on the ballot as I have identified my ballot name below. I understand that nicknames are allowed as part of my ballot name, but titles and campaign slogans are not permissible. I have reviewed the requirements to hold office and I certify that I am qualified to serve if elected.

Candidate's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, _____.

Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL

My Commission Expires _____

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-11-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. The candidate's name, post-office address, telephone number, and the title of the office to which the candidate aspires, the appropriate district number if applicable, and whether the petition is intended for nomination for an unexpired term of office if applicable.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 16.1-11-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. The candidate's name, address, telephone number, and the title of the office to which the candidate aspires, including the appropriate district number if applicable, or whether the petition is intended for an unexpired term of office if applicable.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 16.1-11-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A copy of the sample ballot of the primary election, as arranged by order and direction of the county auditor. The form of the sample ballot must conform in all respects to the form prescribed for the sample primary ballot by the secretary of state. The county auditor shall publish the sample ballot in all forms appropriate for the method or methods of voting in the county. Absent voters' ballots may not be considered in determining which form of voting is used. Candidates from each legislative district that falls within the boundaries of the county must be listed in a separate box or category within the sample ballot by legislative district number to enable the voters in each legislative district to ascertain the legislative candidates in their specific district. ~~Sample ballots used for publication purposes must be arranged using the rotation of the ballot in the precinct in the county which cast the highest total vote for governor at the last general election at which the office of governor was filled.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 16.1-11-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Legislative:

1 state senator _____ district

2 ~~member of house of state~~ representatives _____ district

3 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **16.1-11-32. Poll lists kept by clerks of elections.** The clerks of primary elections
6 shall keep ~~two lists~~ either one paper or one electronic list of the names of all persons voting at
7 each primary election. ~~Each clerk shall return one~~ The clerks must return the list, which must
8 be a part of the records and filed with other election returns. Only ~~two~~ one complete ~~lists~~ list of
9 voters may be kept whether or not a special election is held simultaneously with the primary
10 election.

11 **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** Section 16.1-11-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 repealed.