

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1439

Introduced by

Representatives Weiler, S. Meyer, Nelson

Senators Heitkamp, Nelson, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 4 of section 54-17.6-05 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership of the oil and gas research council.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 4 of section 54-17.6-05 of the North  
5 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 1. The oil and gas research council is composed of ~~seven~~ eight members, four of  
7 whom must currently be engaged in and have at least five years of active  
8 experience in the oil and natural gas exploration and production industry. The  
9 council consists of:
- 10 a. Four members appointed by the governor from a list provided by the North  
11 Dakota petroleum council. The governor may reject the list and request the  
12 council to submit a new list until the appointments are made.
- 13 b. One member appointed by the governor from a list provided by the North  
14 Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties. The governor may  
15 reject the list and request the association to submit a new list until the  
16 appointment is made.
- 17 c. The executive director of the North Dakota petroleum council, or the  
18 executive director's designee.
- 19 d. The president of the northern alliance of independent producers or the  
20 president's designee.
- 21 e. A county commissioner from an oil producing county appointed by the  
22 governor.
- 23 e- f. The director of the oil and gas division and the state geologist shall serve on  
24 the council as advisory nonvoting members.

- 1           4.   The council shall have at least one regular meeting each year and such additional  
2               meetings as the chairman determines necessary at a time and place to be fixed by  
3               the chairman. Special meetings must be called by the chairman on written request  
4               of any three members. ~~Four~~ Five members constitute a quorum.