Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2330

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Robinson

Representatives Dahl, Delmore, Griffin, Wolf

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12-55.1-02 and 12-59-01 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the membership of the pardon advisory board and the state parole
- 3 board.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-55.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is 6 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 7 **12-55.1-02. Pardon advisory board Membership.** The governor may appoint a
- 8 pardon advisory board to consist of five members including the attorney general and two
- 9 members of the parole board. The governor shall appoint two persons individuals who are
- 10 residents and citizens of this state to the remaining two positions, one of whom must be a crime
- 11 victim or an advocate for crime victims' rights. The governor shall appoint a chairperson from
- 12 within the membership of the pardon advisory board. The governor may dissolve the pardon
- 13 advisory board at any time. The members appointed by the governor are entitled to be paid
- 14 compensation and expenses at the same rate paid to members of the legislative assembly.
- 15 The board shall provide information and make recommendations to the governor concerning
- 16 any matters before the governor under this chapter.
- 17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-59-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 18 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 19 **12-59-01. State parole board Membership.** The state parole board consists of six
- 20 members, who must be qualified electors of the state, appointed by the governor for terms of
- 21 three years, arranged so that the terms of two members must expire on December thirty-first of
- 22 each year. One of the members must be a person an individual experienced in law
- 23 enforcement, which may include experience as a prosecuting attorney, one must be a licensed
- 24 attorney, one must be a crime victim or an advocate for crime victims' rights, and four three

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- 1 must be persons individuals qualified by special experience, education, or training. The
- 2 governor may only remove a member of the parole board for disability, inefficiency, neglect of
- 3 duty, or malfeasance in office.