

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2402**

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Heckaman, Warner

Representatives Boucher, Charging

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to extension of the committee on tribal and state relations; and to provide an effective  
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-35-23. (Effective through July 31, ~~2007~~ 2009) Committee on tribal and state**  
8 **relations - Membership - Duties.**

- 9 1. The committee on tribal and state relations is composed of seven members as  
10 follows:
- 11 a. The chairman of the legislative council or the chairman's designee;
- 12 b. Three members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be  
13 selected by the leader representing the majority faction of the house of  
14 representatives and one of whom must be selected by the leader representing  
15 the minority faction of the house of representatives; and
- 16 c. Three members of the senate, two of whom must be selected by the leader  
17 representing the majority faction of the senate and one of whom must be  
18 selected by the leader representing the minority faction of the senate.
- 19 2. The chairman of the legislative council, or the chairman's designee, shall serve as  
20 chairman of the committee.
- 21 3. The committee shall meet at such times and places as determined by the  
22 chairman. The legislative council shall provide staffing for the committee.
- 23 4. The committee shall conduct joint meetings with the native American tribal citizens'  
24 task force to study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government

1 relations, the delivery of services, case management services, child support  
2 enforcement, and issues related to the promotion of economic development. After  
3 the joint meetings have concluded, the committee shall meet to prepare a report on  
4 its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to  
5 implement those recommendations, to the legislative council.

- 6 5. The members of the committee are entitled to compensation from the legislative  
7 council for attendance at committee meetings at the rate provided for members of  
8 the legislative assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings and are  
9 entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the meetings in the  
10 amounts provided by law for other state officers.

- 11 6. The native American tribal citizens' task force is composed of six members as  
12 follows:

- 13 a. The executive director of the Indian affairs commission, or the executive  
14 director's designee;  
15 b. The chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's designee;  
16 c. The chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe, or the chairman's designee;  
17 d. The chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, or the chairman's designee;  
18 e. The chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, or the  
19 chairman's designee; and  
20 f. The chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's  
21 designee.