

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2239

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Dever

Representative Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-13-17 and sections
2 16.1-13-22 and 16.1-13-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general election
3 provisions.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-13-17 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. The name of each person nominated, that person's post-office address, phone
8 number, the office for which that person is nominated, the legislative district
9 number if applicable, and whether the certificate is intended for an unexpired term
10 of office if applicable.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-13-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **16.1-13-22. Delivering ballot to elector - Initialing.** The inspector or one of the
14 election judges shall deliver ballots to the qualified electors. The inspector or judge delivering
15 the paper ballot shall inform each elector that if the ballot is not ~~stamped and~~ initialed by an
16 election official it will be invalidated and to protect the elector's right to vote the elector should
17 verify that the ballot has been ~~stamped and~~ initialed. Before delivering any paper ballot to an
18 elector, the inspector or judge shall initial the ballot. Failure to initial a paper ballot in the proper
19 place does not invalidate the ballot, but a complete failure to initial a paper ballot does
20 invalidate the ballot.

21 ~~4. At primary elections, the inspector or judge shall also inform each elector that if~~
22 ~~the elector splits the party ballot or votes for candidates of more than one party the~~
23 ~~elector's party ballot will be rejected.~~

2. ~~Before delivering any paper ballot to an elector, the inspector or judge shall initial the ballot. Failure to initial a paper ballot in the proper place does not invalidate the ballot, but a complete failure to initial a paper ballot does invalidate the ballot.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-13-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-13-27. Disability of Assistance to elector - Polling place accessibility. Any elector ~~who declares to the judges of the election that the elector cannot read the English language, or that because of blindness or other disability is unable to mark the elector's ballot,~~ upon request, may receive the assistance of any person of the elector's choice, other than the elector's employer, officer or agent of the elector's union, a candidate running in that election, or a relative of a candidate as provided in subsection 2 of section 16.1-05-02, in marking the elector's ballot. If the elector requests the assistance of a member of the election board, however, the elector shall receive the assistance of both election judges in the marking of the elector's ballot. No one assisting any elector in marking a ballot under this chapter may give information regarding the ballot. No elector, other than one who ~~is unable to read the English language or one who because of disability is unable to mark a ballot~~ requests assistance, may divulge to anyone within the polling place the name of any candidate for whom the elector intends to vote, nor ask, nor receive the assistance of any person within the polling place to mark the elector's ballot. Parking facilities at polling places must be accessible to the elderly and the physically disabled and must be clearly marked.