

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1376

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Brandenburg, Haas, Hatlestad

Senator Dever

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-10-04 and 16.1-10-06.2 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to corrupt election practices.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-10-04. Publication of false information in political advertisements - Penalty.**

7 ~~No~~ A person may not knowingly sponsor any political advertisement or news release that  
8 contains any assertion, representation, or statement of fact, including information concerning a  
9 candidate's prior public record, which the sponsor knows to be untrue, deceptive, or misleading,  
10 whether on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, initiated measure,  
11 referred measure, constitutional amendment, or any other issue, question, or proposal on an  
12 election ballot, and whether such publication is by radio, television, newspaper, pamphlet,  
13 folder, display cards, signs, posters, ~~or~~ billboard advertisements, web sites, or by any other  
14 public means. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a class A  
15 misdemeanor.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-10-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code  
17 is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **16.1-10-06.2. Sale or distribution at polling place.** ~~No~~ A person may not approach a  
19 person attempting to enter a polling place, or who is in a polling place, for the purpose of  
20 selling, soliciting for sale, advertising for sale, or distributing any merchandise, product,  
21 literature, or service. ~~This prohibition applies~~ A person may not approach a person attempting  
22 to enter a polling place, who is in a polling place, or who is leaving a polling place for the  
23 purpose of gathering signatures for any reason. These prohibitions apply in any polling place

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- 1 or within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] from any entrance leading into a polling place on
- 2 election day.