

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1042

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judiciary Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 47-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
2 to technical corrections; to amend and reenact sections 1-02-12 and 16.1-01-09, subsection 2
3 of section 57-39.2-18, and section 57-40.2-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
4 technical corrections and improper, inaccurate, redundant, missing, or obsolete references; and
5 to repeal section 15.1-13-32 and chapter 33-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
6 obsolete provisions.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1-02-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **1-02-12. Headnote, cross-reference note, and source note.** No headnote, source
11 note, or cross-reference note, whether designating an entire title, chapter, section, subsection,
12 or subdivision, constitutes any part of a statute. A headnote may not be used to determine
13 legislative intent or the legislative history for any statute. An effective date or expiration date
14 note preceding a headnote is not a part of the headnote and is a part of the statute.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **16.1-01-09. Initiative or referendum petitions - Signature - Form - Circulation.**

18 1. a. A request of the secretary of state for approval of a petition to initiate or refer
19 a measure may be presented over the signatures of the sponsoring
20 committee on individual signature forms that have been notarized. The
21 secretary of state shall prepare a signature form that includes provisions for
22 identification of the measure; the printed name, signature, and address of the
23 committee member; and notarization of the signature. The filed signature
24 forms must be originals.

- b. Upon receipt of a petition to initiate or refer a measure, the secretary of state shall draft a short and concise statement that fairly represents the measure. The statement must be submitted to the attorney general for approval or disapproval. An approved statement must be affixed to the petition before it is circulated for signatures, must be called the "ballot title", and must be placed immediately before the full text of the measure.
- c. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall complete their review of a petition in not less than five, nor more than seven, business days, excluding Saturdays.

2. No person may sign any initiative or referendum petition circulated pursuant to article III of the Constitution of North Dakota unless the person is a qualified elector. No person may sign any petition more than once, and each signer shall add the signer's complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address and the date of signing. Every qualified elector signing a petition shall do so in the presence of the person circulating the petition. A referendum or initiative petition must be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state containing the following information:

REFERENDUM [INITIATIVE] PETITION

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request [House (Senate) Bill _____ passed by the _____ Legislative Assembly] [the following initiated law] be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

SPONSORING COMMITTEE

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the petitioners in accordance with law:

Name	Address
_____(Chairman)	_____
_____	_____

BALLOT TITLE

(To be drafted by the secretary of state, approved by the attorney general,
and attached to the petition before circulation.)

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING
ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS
BEING DELETED. ~~IF NO MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED OR~~
~~OVERSTRUCK, THE MEASURE CONTAINS ALL NEW MATERIAL WHICH~~
~~IS BEING ADDED.~~ IF MATERIAL IS NOT UNDERSCORED OR
OVERSTRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS EXISTING LAW THAT IS NOT BEING
CHANGED.

[The full text of the measure must be inserted here.]

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This
means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days,
and you are a United States citizen. All signers must add their complete
residential address or rural route or general delivery address and the date of
signing. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence
of the person circulating the petition.

QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Month, Day, Year	Name of Qualified Elector	Residential Address or Complete Rural Route or General Delivery Address	City, State
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

3. Each copy of any petition provided for in this section, before being filed, must have attached an affidavit executed by the circulator in substantially the following form:

I, _____, being sworn, say that I am a qualified elector; that I
(circulator)
reside at _____;
(address)

(signature of circulator)

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(Notary Seal) _____

(signature of notary)

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

4. No petition shall be circulated under the authority of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota by a person who is less than eighteen years of age, nor shall the affidavit called for by subsection 3 be executed by a person who is less than eighteen years of age at the time of signing. All petitions circulated under the authority of the constitution and of this section must be circulated in their entirety. A petition may not include a statement of intent or similar explanatory information.
5. When signed petitions are delivered to the secretary of state, the chairperson of the sponsoring committee shall submit to the secretary of state an affidavit stating that to the best of that person's knowledge, the petitions contain at least the required number of signatures.
6. An initiative or referendum petition may be submitted to the secretary of state until midnight of the day designated as the deadline for submitting the petition.
7. An initiative petition may be circulated for one year from the date it is approved for circulation by the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. Chapter 47-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

47-32-01. When eviction maintainable. An action of eviction to recover the possession of real estate is maintainable in the proper district court when:

1. A party, by force, intimidation, fraud, or stealth, has entered upon the prior actual possession of real property of another and detains the same.
2. A party, after peaceably entering upon real property, turns out by force, threats, or menacing conduct the party in possession.
3. A party, by force or by menaces and threats of violence, unlawfully holds and keeps the possession of any real property, whether the possession was acquired peaceably or otherwise.

1 4. A lessee, in person or by subtenant, holds over after the termination of the lease or
2 expiration of the lessee's term, or fails to pay rent for three days after the rent is
3 due.

4 5. A party continues in possession after a sale of the real property under mortgage,
5 execution, order, or any judicial process and after the expiration of the time fixed by
6 law for redemption, or after the execution and delivery of a deed, or after the
7 cancellation and termination of any contract for deed, bond for deed, or other
8 instrument for the future conveyance of real estate or equity in the real estate.

9 6. A party continues wrongfully in possession after a judgment in partition or after a
10 sale under an order or decree of a district court.

11 7. A lessee or a person on the premises with the lessee's consent acts in a manner
12 that unreasonably disturbs other tenants' peaceful enjoyment of the premises.

13 8. The lessee violates a material term of the written lease agreement between the
14 lessor and lessee.

15 **47-32-02. Appearance - Notice of intention to evict - When required - When and**

16 **how served.** In any action for eviction the time specified in the summons for the appearance of
17 the defendant may not be fewer than three nor more than fifteen days from the date on which
18 the summons is issued. If the person cannot be found in the county, of which the return of the
19 sheriff or process server is prima facie proof, and service has been attempted at least once
20 between the hours of six p.m. and ten p.m. upon the filing of an affidavit of the plaintiff or the
21 plaintiff's attorney stating that the defendant cannot be found or on belief that the defendant is
22 not in this state and a copy of the summons has been mailed to the defendant at the
23 defendant's last-known address if any is known to the plaintiff, service of the summons may be
24 made upon the defendant by the sheriff or process server posting the summons upon the door
25 of the residential unit. In all cases arising under subsections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of section 47-32-01,
26 three days' written notice of intention to evict must be given to the lessee, subtenant, or party in
27 possession, before proceedings can be instituted. The notice may be served and returned as a
28 summons is served and returned or, if the party cannot be found, then by the sheriff of the
29 county or a process server posting the notice conspicuously upon the premises. Service by
30 delivery of a copy of the summons to the defendant in person within the county must be made
31 at least three days before the time fixed for the appearance of the defendant. Service

elsewhere or personal service in any other mode must be made at least seven days before the time fixed for the appearance of the defendant.

47-32-03. Legal representatives may bring eviction actions. Executors and administrators may bring actions of eviction in the district courts in the same manner as their testators and intestates, as the case may be.

47-32-04. Eviction actions not joinable with other actions - Exception - When counterclaims only interposable. An action of eviction cannot be brought in a district court in connection with any other action, except for rents and profits accrued or for damages arising by reason of the defendant's possession. No counterclaim can be interposed in such action, except as a setoff to a demand made for damages or for rents and profits. If the court finds for the plaintiff in the action, the court shall enter judgment that the plaintiff have immediate restitution of the premises. Upon a showing by the defendant that immediate restitution of the premises would work a substantial hardship on the defendant or the defendant's family, except in cases in which the eviction judgment is based in whole or in part on a disturbance of the peace, the court may stay the special execution for a reasonable period, not to exceed five days.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 57-39.2-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Any person who ~~shall sell~~ sells tangible personal property, tickets or admissions to places of amusement, and athletic events, or steam, gas, and communication service at retail in this state after that person's permit shall have been revoked, or without procuring a permit ~~within sixty days after the effective date of this chapter,~~ as provided in section 57-39.2-14, or who ~~shall violate the provisions of~~ violates section 57-39.2-09, and the officers of any corporation or the managers of any limited liability company who ~~shall so act~~ acts, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 57-40.2-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-40.2-09. Records required. Each retailer required or authorized to collect the tax imposed by this chapter, and each person using in this state tangible personal property purchased for resale or for use shall keep such records, receipts, invoices, and other pertinent

1 papers as the commissioner shall require and each such retailer or person shall preserve for a
2 period of three years and three months all invoices and other records of such tangible personal
3 property purchased for resale or for use. The commissioner, or any duly authorized agent, may
4 examine the books, papers, records, and equipment of any person who sells tangible personal
5 property or who is liable for such tax, and may investigate the character of the business of any
6 such person to verify the accuracy of any return made, or if no return was made, to ascertain
7 and determine the amount due. Any such books, papers, and records must be made available
8 within this state for such examination upon reasonable notice if the commissioner shall make an
9 order to that effect.

10 **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-13-32 and chapter 33-06 of the North Dakota
11 Century Code are repealed.