

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2275**

Introduced by

Senators Potter, Bakke, Fiebiger

Representatives Conrad, Wrangham

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting elected officials from appearing in public service  
3 announcements and the type size of the names of public officials on public documents; and to  
4 provide a penalty.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Elected officials prohibited from appearing in public service announcement or**  
9 **advertisement using public funds.** An elected official may not use or allow that individual's  
10 name, image, or voice to be used in a public service announcement or in an advertisement or  
11 other promotional message created or purchased using public funds. For the purposes of this  
12 section, "public funds" means cash or assets with more than a minimal value received from the  
13 state, the federal government, or a political subdivision.

14 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 created and enacted as follows:

16 **Public officials prohibited from placing name on public documents in large type**  
17 **size - Penalty.** An elected or appointed state or political subdivision officer may not print or  
18 have printed the officer's name on any public document or record paid for by public funds  
19 unless the officer's name is printed in smaller-size type than the printed name of the agency,  
20 department, or office as that name appears on the document or record. An individual who  
21 violates this section is guilty of an infraction.