

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1471

Introduced by

Representative Wrangham

Senator Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the election of school board members; to amend and reenact sections
3 16.1-11-08 and 16.1-11-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to party
4 affiliation in elections for elective county and city offices; and to repeal section 40-21-06 of the
5 North Dakota Century Code, relating to references to party affiliation in petitions of candidates
6 for city elective offices.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 **School board member elections - Party affiliation.** A candidate for election to a
11 school board may request that the ballot contain a reference to a designation in not more than
12 five words of the party or political principle that the candidate represents.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **16.1-11-08. Reference to party affiliation in petition and affidavit prohibited for**
16 **certain offices - Exceptions.** No reference may be made to a party ballot or to the party
17 affiliation of a candidate in a petition and affidavit filed by or on behalf of a candidate for
18 nomination in the primary election to ~~an elective county office~~, the office of judge of the
19 supreme court, judge of the district court, or superintendent of public instruction. Each elective
20 county and city office must be placed on the no-party ballot. However, a candidate for
21 nomination to an elective county or city office may request that the ballot contain a reference to
22 a designation in not more than five words of the party or political principle that the candidate
23 represents.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **16.1-11-24. No-party primary ballot - Contents.** There must be a separate ballot at
4 all primary elections which must be entitled "no-party primary ballot". The names of aspirants
5 for nomination to each office must be arranged on the no-party primary ballot in separate
6 groups in their order. The separate ballot may be on the same paper or electronic ballot, but
7 the list of offices and candidates must be entitled "no-party primary ballot" in a manner to
8 indicate clearly the separation of the no-party list of offices and candidates from the party list of
9 offices and candidates. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 16.1-11-08, the names of all
10 candidates for any of the offices mentioned in section 16.1-11-08 must be placed on the ballot
11 without party designation. Immediately under the name of each office must be placed the
12 language "Vote for no more than _____ name (or names)." The number
13 inserted must be the number to be elected to the office at the next succeeding general election.

14 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 40-21-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 repealed.