

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1490

Introduced by

Representatives Boehning, Conklin, Karls

Senators Cook, Dotzenrod

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 16.1-08.1-01, section
2 16.1-08.1-03.2, and subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-03.9 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to campaign finance.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 5. "Expenditure" means a gift, transfer, conveyance, provision, loan, advance,
8 payment, distribution, disbursement, outlay, or deposit of money or anything of
9 value, except a loan of money from a bank or other lending institution made in the
10 regular course of business, made for the direct purpose of influencing the passage
11 or defeat of a measure or the nomination for election, or election, of any person
12 individual to office. The term also means a contract, promise, or agreement,
13 express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure
14 and includes the transfer of funds by a political committee to another political
15 committee.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century
17 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **16.1-08.1-03.2. Political committee registration.** A statewide candidate, ~~statewide~~
19 ~~candidate committee, or political action committee, multicandidate committee, or a measure~~
20 committee, as ~~described~~ defined in section 16.1-08.1-01 shall register its name, address, and
21 its agent's name and address with the secretary of state each calendar year in which it receives
22 any contribution. The registration must be completed within fifteen business days of the receipt
23 of any contribution or expenditure made and must be submitted with a registration fee of
24 twenty-five dollars. A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law

1 and makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a nonfederal candidate seeking
2 public office, a political party, or political committee in this state is not required to register as a
3 political committee according to this section if the political committee reports according to
4 section 16.1-08.1-03.7. Registration under this section does not reserve the name for exclusive
5 use nor does it constitute registration of a trade name under chapter 47-25.

6 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-03.9 of the North
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8 1. A judicial district candidate or a candidate committee for a judicial district candidate
9 shall make and file a statement in accordance with this section. The candidate or
10 candidate committee shall include in the statement:
 - 11 a. The name and mailing address of all contributors who made contributions in
12 excess of two hundred dollars in the aggregate for the purpose of influencing
13 the nomination for election, or election, of the candidate;
 - 14 b. The aggregated amount of the contributions from each listed contributor;
 - 15 c. The date the last contribution was received from each listed contributor;
 - 16 d. The gross total of all contributions received in excess of two hundred dollars;
 - 17 e. The gross total of all contributions received of two hundred dollars, or less;
18 and
 - 19 e- f. The cash on hand in the filer's account at the start and close of the reporting
20 period.