

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Koppelman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of state or political subdivision services or
3 property for political purposes; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of the
6 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 a. "Political purpose" means any activity undertaken in support of or in
8 opposition to a statewide initiated or referred measure, a constitutional
9 amendment or measure, or the election or nomination of a candidate to public
10 office and includes using "vote for", "oppose", or any similar support or
11 opposition language in any advertisement whether the activity is undertaken
12 by a candidate, a political committee, a political party, or any person. In the
13 period thirty days before a primary election and sixty days before a special or
14 general election, "political purpose" also means any activity in which a
15 candidate's name, office, district, or any term meaning the same as
16 "incumbent" or "challenger" is used in support of or in opposition to the
17 election or nomination of a candidate to public office. The term does not
18 include activities undertaken in the performance of a duty of a state office or a
19 position taken in any bona fide news story, commentary, or editorial.