

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

Introduced by

Representatives Nathe, Porter, Thoreson

Senator Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the definition of a meeting.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 8. a. "Meeting" means a formal or informal gathering or a work session, whether in
7 person or through electronic means such as telephone or videoconference, of:
- 8 (1) A quorum of the members of the governing body of a public entity
9 regarding public business; or
 - 10 (2) Less than a quorum of the members of the governing body of a public
11 entity regarding public business, if the members attending one or more
12 of such smaller gatherings collectively constitute a quorum and if the
13 members hold the gathering for the purpose of avoiding the
14 requirements of section 44-04-19.
- 15 b. "Meeting" ~~includes work sessions, but~~ does not include:
- 16 (1) A chance or social gatherings where gathering at which public business
17 is not considered and does not include the;
 - 18 (2) Emergency operations conducted by a governing body during a
19 disaster or emergency declared under section 37-17.1-10 or an
20 equivalent ordinance; and
 - 21 (3) The attendance of members of a governing body at meetings of any
22 national, regional, or state association to which the public entity, the
23 governing body, or individual members belong.

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- 1 c. Notwithstanding subdivisions a and b, as applied to the legislative assembly,
- 2 "meeting" means any gathering subject to section 14 of article IV of the
- 3 Constitution of North Dakota.