

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Nathe

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.