

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the establishing of precincts and designation of voting places.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-04-01. Precincts - Duties and responsibilities of the board of county**
7 **commissioners or the governing body of the city.** The board of county commissioners of
8 each county:

- 9 1. Shall divide the county into precincts and establish the precinct boundaries, except
10 that within the boundaries of any incorporated city, the governing body of the city
11 shall divide the city into precincts and establish their boundaries pursuant to
12 title 40. Any number of townships or parts of townships may be joined into a single
13 precinct provided that no precinct may encompass more than one legislative
14 district. Each legislative district must be divided into at least four precincts. If a
15 legislative district encompasses more than one county, the appropriate governing
16 bodies shall collaborate to ensure that the legislative district is divided into at least
17 four precincts. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16.1-04-02, at least four
18 voting places must be designated in four separate precincts within a legislative
19 district.
- 20 2. May alter the number and size of precincts within the county by combining or
21 dividing precincts. However, the governing body of any incorporated city has the
22 authority to alter the number and size of precincts located within its boundaries.
23 The board of county commissioners may relinquish the jurisdiction provided under
24 subsection 1 over all or any portion of a township or townships under its jurisdiction

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1 to a city for the purpose of establishing a voting precinct if a majority of the
2 governing body of the city agrees to assume such jurisdiction. The governing body
3 of a city, by majority vote, may return jurisdiction granted herein to the county and
4 the county shall accept that jurisdiction.