

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative L. Meier

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-01-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to oaths of civil officers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-01-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **44-01-05. Oath of civil officers.** Each civil officer in this state before entering upon the
7 duties of that individual's office shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed in section 4 of
8 article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota. The oath must be endorsed upon the back of, or
9 attached to, the commission, appointment, or certificate of election. The term civil officer
10 includes every elected official and any individual appointed by such elected official; any
11 individual appointed by the governor and required by section 16.1-09-02 to file a statement of
12 interests with the secretary of state; appointed member of any state authority, board, bureau,
13 commission, and council; and the appointed head of any state agency and agency division,
14 whether the individual serves with or without compensation. Except for an individual appointed
15 to fill a vacancy existing in the legislative assembly, the term does not include any individual
16 receiving a legislative appointment. For purposes of this chapter and chapter 44-05, the term
17 civil officer has the same meaning as public officer.