

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1311

Introduced by

Representatives S. Meyer, Headland, Kretschmar, Boe

Senators Bowman, Olafson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to contribution and expenditure statements filed by persons sponsoring the
3 circulation of initiated measure petitions.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **16.1-08.1-03.1. Contributions statement required of persons and measure committees**
8 **circulating or promoting passage or defeat of initiated or referred measure.**

9 1. ~~Any~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any person or
10 measure committee, as described in section 16.1-08.1-01, whethat is soliciting or
11 accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding or opposing the circulation or
12 passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure placed upon a
13 statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly at any election shall file a
14 statement in accordance with this ~~section~~subsection if the person has received any
15 ~~contributions from a person~~contribution in excess of one hundred dollars. The
16 statement must include the name and mailing address of ~~all contributors who~~each
17 person that contributed in excess of one hundred dollars to the person, the amount of
18 each reportable contribution, and the date each reportable contribution was received.
19 The statement must include the name and mailing address of each recipient of an
20 expenditure exceeding one hundred dollars in the aggregate, the amount of each
21 reportable expenditure, and the date the expenditure was made.

22 2. ~~A~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any person or
23 measure committee whethat is soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of
24 aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum

petition or measure placed upon a statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly may not accept a contribution of more than one hundred dollars from a ~~person who does not reside in this state or from~~ an out-of-state person or political committee unless the contribution is accompanied by a certified statement from the contributor listing the name, address, and amount contributed by each person ~~who~~that contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The statement must indicate if no ~~individual~~ person contributed in excess of one hundred dollars of the out-of-state person's or political committee's overall contribution. The certified statement must also list the occupation, employer, and principal place of business for each ~~person~~individual who contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The chairman of the sponsoring committee of an initiated measure petition and person soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding the circulation of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or of promoting passage or defeat of a statewide initiated or referred measure ~~must~~shall include this statement with the contribution statement required to be filed under subsection 1.

3. The sponsoring committee of an initiated measure petition shall file quarterly statements during the period the measure is being circulated, which statements must be filed with the secretary of state no later than the twelfth day after the end of each quarter during which the petition is being circulated. The statement required of a person or measure committee under subsection 1 must be filed with the secretary of state no later than the twelfth day ~~prior to~~before the date of the election in which the measure appears or would have appeared on the ballot complete from the beginning of that calendar year through the twentieth day ~~prior to~~before the date of the election. A complete statement for the entire calendar year for each statement required to be filed under this section must be filed no later than the thirty-first day of January of the following year. Even if a person required to report according to this section has not received any contributions in excess of one hundred dollars during the reporting period, the person shall file a statement as required by this chapter. A statement filed according to this section during the reporting period must show the following:
- a. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made in excess of one hundred dollars;

- 1 b. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made of one
- 2 hundred dollars, or less; and
- 3 c. The cash on hand in the filer's account at the start and close of the reporting
- 4 period.