

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. At the time the sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition submits signed  
10 petitions to the secretary of state, the committee also shall submit a statement  
11 disclosing the total amount of contributions received by the committee to aid the  
12 committee in drafting and circulating the petition, the name and mailing address of  
13 each person that contributed more than one hundred dollars in the aggregate to the  
14 sponsoring committee, the date each such contribution was received, and the total  
15 amount of expenditures made by the committee to aid in the drafting and circulation of  
16 the petition.

17 2. Any~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any~~ person or  
18 measure committee, as described in section 16.1-08.1-01, ~~who~~that is soliciting or  
19 accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding or opposing the circulation or  
20 passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure placed upon a  
21 statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly at any election shall file a  
22 statement in accordance with this ~~section~~subsection if the person has received any  
23 ~~contributions from a person~~contribution in excess of one hundred dollars. The  
24 statement must include the name and mailing address of ~~all contributors who~~each

1        person that contributed in excess of one hundred dollars to the person, the amount of  
2        each reportable contribution, and the date each reportable contribution was received.  
3        The statement must include the name and mailing address of each recipient of an  
4        expenditure exceeding one hundred dollars in the aggregate, the amount of each  
5        reportable expenditure, and the date the expenditure was made.

6        ~~2.3. A~~ ~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any~~ person or  
7        measure committee ~~who~~that is soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of  
8        aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum  
9        petition or measure placed upon a statewide ballot by action of the legislative  
10       assembly may not accept a contribution of more than one hundred dollars from a  
11       ~~person who does not reside in this state or from an out-of-state person or~~ political  
12       committee unless the contribution is accompanied by a certified statement from the  
13       contributor listing the name, address, and amount contributed by each person ~~who~~that  
14       contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The statement must  
15       indicate if no ~~individual~~ person contributed in excess of one hundred dollars of the  
16       out-of-state person's or political committee's overall contribution. The certified  
17       statement must also list the occupation, employer, and principal place of business for  
18       each ~~person~~individual who contributed more than one hundred dollars of the  
19       contribution. The ~~chairman of the sponsoring committee of an initiated measure~~  
20       ~~petition and~~ person soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding the  
21       circulation of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or of promoting passage or  
22       defeat of a statewide initiated or referred measure ~~must~~shall include this statement  
23       with the contribution statement required to be filed under subsection ~~4~~2.

24       ~~3.4. The sponsoring committee of an initiated measure petition shall file quarterly~~  
25       ~~statements during the period the measure is being circulated, which statements must~~  
26       ~~be filed with the secretary of state no later than the twelfth day after the end of each~~  
27       ~~quarter during which the petition is being circulated.~~ The statement required of a  
28       person or measure committee under subsection ~~4~~2 must be filed with the secretary of  
29       state no later than the twelfth day ~~prior to~~before the date of the election in which the  
30       measure appears or would have appeared on the ballot complete from the beginning  
31       of that calendar year through the twentieth day ~~prior to~~before the date of the election.

1 A complete statement for the entire calendar year for each statement required to be  
2 filed under ~~this section~~subsections 2 and 3 must be filed no later than the thirty-first  
3 day of January of the following year. Even if a person required to report according to  
4 this section has not received any contributions in excess of one hundred dollars during  
5 the reporting period, the person shall file a statement as required by this chapter. A  
6 statement filed according to ~~this section~~subsections 2 and 3 during the reporting  
7 period must show the following:

- 8 a. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made in excess of  
9 one hundred dollars;
- 10 b. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made of one  
11 hundred dollars, or less; and
- 12 c. The cash on hand in the filer's account at the start and close of the reporting  
13 period.