

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1108**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 27-02.1-01, 27-02.1-02, 27-02.1-03,  
2 27-02.1-04, 27-02.1-05, 27-02.1-06, 27-02.1-07, 27-02.1-08, and 27-02.1-09 of the North  
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to the temporary court of appeals; to provide an effective date;  
4 and to provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **27-02.1-01. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Temporary court of appeals**  
9 **established - Jurisdiction - Writ authority - Administration.**

10 A temporary court of appeals is established to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as  
11 delegated by the supreme court. Panels of the temporary court of appeals may issue original  
12 and remedial writs necessary to properly exercise jurisdiction in cases assigned to them. The  
13 panels of the temporary court of appeals are subject to administration by the supreme court  
14 pursuant to sections 3 and 8 of article VI of the Constitution of North Dakota.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **27-02.1-02. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Number, assignment, and**  
18 **compensation of judges.**

19 1. The supreme court may provide for the assignment of active or retired district court  
20 judges, retired justices of the supreme court, and lawyers, to serve on three-judge  
21 panels of the temporary court of appeals if the chief justice certifies to the governor  
22 that the supreme court has disposed of two hundred fifty cases in the twelve months  
23 preceding September first of any year. Assignments may be made for a time certain,

1 not to exceed one year from the date of assignment, or specifically for one or more  
2 cases on the docket of the supreme court.

3 2. An active or retired district court judge serving on the temporary court of appeals may  
4 not be assigned to hear cases in which the judge participated while serving on the  
5 district court. An active district court judge may not be assigned to hear cases that  
6 originated in the judicial district of the judge.

7 3. An active district court judge serving on the temporary court of appeals is not entitled  
8 to additional compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided  
9 by sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09.

10 4. Retired justices of the supreme court, retired district court judges, and lawyers serving  
11 as judges on panels of the temporary court of appeals are entitled to receive as  
12 compensation for each day of service in the performance of duties pursuant to the  
13 assignment an amount equal to five percent of the gross monthly salary as provided  
14 for a regularly elected or appointed justice of the supreme court, or one-half of the  
15 daily compensation for services of one-half day or less. The compensation must be  
16 paid upon certification by the judge that the services were performed for the number of  
17 days shown on the certificate and must be paid in the same manner as the salaries of  
18 the regularly elected or appointed judges are paid.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **27-02.1-03. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Assignment and reassignment of**  
22 **cases - Quorum for decision of cases - Authority in furtherance of jurisdiction.**

23 1. Panels of the temporary court of appeals have jurisdiction to hear and to decide all  
24 cases assigned by the supreme court.

25 2. The supreme court may order reassignment of any case from a panel of the temporary  
26 court of appeals to the supreme court.

27 3. A majority of the three judges of a panel of the temporary court of appeals hearing a  
28 case is necessary to pronounce a decision.

29 4. When a judgment or order is reversed, modified, or confirmed by a panel of the  
30 temporary court of appeals, the reasons must be concisely stated in writing, signed by  
31 the judges concurring, filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, and

1           preserved with the record of the case. Any judge concurring or dissenting may give the  
2           reasons for the judge's concurrence or dissent in writing over the judge's signature.

3           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4           amended and reenacted as follows:

5           **27-02.1-04. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Administration - Employees and**  
6           **clerical assistance - Court of record - Place of sessions.**

7           1.    The clerk of the supreme court shall provide clerk services to panels of the temporary  
8           court of appeals.

9           2.    Panels of the temporary court of appeals may hold court in any place the panel  
10          considers convenient and efficient for conducting its business.

11          3.    All proceedings of the panels of the temporary court of appeals must be pursuant to  
12          the rules adopted by the supreme court.

13          **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14          amended and reenacted as follows:

15          **27-02.1-05. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Chief judge.**

16          The chief justice of the supreme court shall designate a chief judge of each panel of the  
17          temporary court of appeals who shall preside pursuant to rules of the supreme court.

18          **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19          amended and reenacted as follows:

20          **27-02.1-06. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Review of decisions of panels.**

21          Any party in interest who is aggrieved by a judgment or order of a panel of the temporary  
22          court of appeals may petition the supreme court for review of the judgment or order pursuant to  
23          rules of the supreme court. Upon the filing of a petition for review by the supreme court, the  
24          order or judgment and mandate of the panel of the temporary court of appeals is stayed  
25          pending action of the supreme court. The supreme court has discretion to grant or deny the  
26          petition.

27          **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28          amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **27-02.1-07. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Right to appeal not created.**

2       This chapter does not provide or create a right of appeal if that right is not otherwise  
3 provided by law. An appeal assigned to a panel of the temporary court of appeals fulfills the  
4 right of appeal provided by section 28-27-02.

5       **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7       **27-02.1-08. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Unitary appeal - Filing of appeal -**  
8 **Filing fee.**

9       All appeals must be treated as one appeal process under the jurisdiction of the supreme  
10 court. In any appeal there may be only one filing and one filing fee required. The filing fee is as  
11 prescribed by section 27-03-05.

12       **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14       **27-02.1-09. (Effective through January 1, ~~2012~~2016) Publication of opinions.**

15       Opinions of the panels of the temporary court of appeals may be published pursuant to  
16 rules of the supreme court.