Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1260

Introduced by

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Representatives Mock, Rick C. Becker, Ruby, Thoreson, Toman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-11-36 and 16.1-11-37 of the North Dakota 2 Century Code, relating to primary election nominations to office. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA: 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is 5 amended and reenacted as follows: 6 16.1-11-36. Vote required Nomination at primary election for nomination. 7 A person may not be deemed nominated as a candidate for any office at any primary 8 election unless that person receives a number of votes equal to the number of signatures-9 required, or which would have been required had the person not had the person's name placed 10 on the ballot through a certificate of endorsement, on a petition to have a candidate's name for 11 that office placed on the primary ballot. The number of individuals to be nominated as 12 candidates for a party office by a party having a separate column on the primary election ballot 13 must be that number of individuals who receive the highest number of votes and who total twice 14 the number of available positions for the office if that many individuals are candidates for 15 nomination by that party. 16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is 17 amended and reenacted as follows: 18 16.1-11-37. Vote required for nominationNomination on no-party ballot - Partisan 19 nominations prohibited. 20 The number of personsindividuals to be nominated as candidates for any one no-party 21 office must be that number of personsindividuals who receive the highest number of votes and 22 who total twice the number of available positions for the office if that many personsindividuals 23 are candidates for nomination. Provided, however, that a person may not be deemed nominated

as a candidate for any no-party office at any primary election unless the number of votes

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- 1 received by the person equals the number of signatures of qualified electors required to be-
- 2 obtained on a petition to have a candidate's name for the office placed on the primary ballot. No
- 3 partisan nominations may be made for any of the offices mentioned in section 16.1-11-08.