

HOUSE BILL NO. 1526

Introduced by

Representatives Marschall, Johnston, B. Koppelman, Skroch

Senator Clemens

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-11-22 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the form of a primary election ballot.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-11-22. Primary election ballot - Form - Voters to vote for candidates of only one**
7 **political party.**

8 1. At the primary election there may be only one ballot for all parties or principles. The
9 ballot must be in the following form:

10 ~~1.~~ a. The ballot must be entitled the "consolidated primary election ballot".

11 ~~2.~~ b. Each political party or principle having candidates at the primary election must
12 have a separate section on the ballot.

13 ~~3.~~ c. At the head of each column must be printed the name of the political party or
14 principle which it represents.

15 ~~4.~~ d. Spanning the columns containing the political party ballot and prior to the party
16 names or principle titles must be printed: "In a Political Party Primary Election,
17 you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains
18 the number of political parties or principles and a description of where the political
19 parties or principles are to be found in the columns below. If you vote in more
20 than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected;
21 however, all votes on the No Party and Measure Ballots will still be counted."

22 ~~5.~~ e. Immediately below the warning against voting for candidates of more than one
23 political party must be printed: "To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must
24 darken the oval next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose

1 name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval next to the blank line
2 provided and write that person's name on the blank line."

3 6. f. The offices specified in section 16.1-11-26 must be arranged in each section with
4 the name of each office in the center of each political party section at the head of
5 the names of all the ~~aspirants~~candidates for the office.

6 7. g. Immediately under the name of each office must be printed: "Vote for no more
7 than _____ name (or names)."

8 8. h. Immediately preceding and on the same line as the name of each
9 ~~aspirant~~candidate must be printed an oval in which the voter is to mark the
10 voter's choice by darkening the oval next to the name of the candidate chosen.

11 9. i. Immediately after or under the name of a candidate who received a party
12 certificate or endorsement for the office, a notation indicating the candidate was
13 endorsed by the political party or principle.

14 j. Immediately after or under the name of a candidate whose name is placed on the
15 ballot due to a nominating petition, a notation indicating the candidate was
16 nominated by petition.

17 k. The political party or principle which cast the largest vote for governor at the most
18 recent primary election at which the office of governor was voted upon must have
19 the first section, and the political party or principle casting the next largest vote
20 must have the second section, and so on.

21 2. The judges and the inspector of elections shall inform each elector at the primary,
22 before voting, that if the voter votes for candidates of more than one political party the
23 voter's political party ballot will be rejected.