

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact new sections to chapter 54-03 and 54-06 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to conflicts of interest; and to amend and reenact section  
3 54-21-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the lease of additional space by state  
4 agencies.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Conflict of interest - Prohibition**

9 A member of the legislative assembly may not vote on any legislative measure that provides  
10 funding for a state entity that leases real property in which the member is aware the member  
11 has a financial interest.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
13 and enacted as follows:

14 **Conflict of interest - Prohibition**

15 A state entity may not enter a lease for real property in which an elective state officer or an  
16 appointive state officer with executive authority over the state entity is aware the officer has a  
17 financial interest.

18 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **54-21-24.1. Lease of additional space by state agencies, departments, offices,**  
21 **officers, boards, and institutions.**

22 A lease or rental agreement or renewal of the lease or rental agreement for the lease or  
23 rental of buildings or portions of buildings for use by state agencies, departments, offices,  
24 officers, boards, and institutions, other than institutions under the board of higher education, the

1 adjutant general and department of transportation office and storage space for field engineering  
2 and maintenance crews, ~~unless approved~~ may be entered by the director of the office of  
3 management and budget subject to a determination of the legal sufficiency of the lease or rental  
4 agreement. To ensure economy, efficiency, and cooperation between the state and its political  
5 subdivisions, and to limit the number of locations of state offices for the convenience of  
6 individuals traveling to the offices, the director shall ~~promulgate~~adopt rules governing the lease  
7 or rental of additional buildings or portions of the buildings by state agencies, departments,  
8 offices, officers, boards, and institutions other than those under the board of higher education,  
9 the adjutant general, and department of transportation office and storage space for field  
10 engineering and maintenance crews. The department, agency, or board for which the office  
11 space is sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or  
12 lease for the office space. A lease or rental agreement entered under this section must include a  
13 list of all owners of the leased property, including each individual with an ownership interest of  
14 ten percent or greater in a business that owns the leased property.