

February 2nd, 2021

House Political Subdivisions

Good Morning Chairman Dockter and members of the House Political Subdivision Committee,

My name is Marie Horning and I am an Assessor in North Dakota.

I am here today asking for your support of HB 1445. This bill will add the month of March for holding Equalization meeting for a township. This bill will also allow for additional time for submitting the assessment roll back to County Auditor.

I have been an Assessor for 17 years in the state of North Dakota. I am currently an Assessor for 19 townships in Burleigh County. Scheduling for this number of meetings is difficult within one month. By allowing Equalization Boards to meet in March this will allow Assessors with more than one township flexibility in scheduling meetings.

Changing the due date of the assessment roll back to county will also provide more flexibility. If a township does not approve their assessment rolls right away and has to continue the meeting at a different time due to quorum or questions about property values this will allow additional time for getting the assessment rolls approved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marie Horning