

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1441**

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Bellew, Christensen, Henderson, Koppelman, Louser, D. Ruby,  
Schatz, Steiner

Senators Boehm, Clemens, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to reports of expenditures made in support of or opposition to legislative  
3 candidates; ~~to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01;~~ and to provide a  
4 penalty.

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

6 ~~**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota~~  
7 ~~Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:—~~

8 ~~7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be~~  
9 ~~grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:~~

10 ~~a. Advertising by:~~

11 ~~(1) Radio;~~

12 ~~(2) Mail;~~

13 ~~(3) Television;~~

14 ~~(4) Printed media; and~~

15 ~~(5) Social media;~~

16 ~~b. Campaign loan repayment;~~

17 ~~c. Operations;~~

18 ~~d. Travel; and~~

19 ~~e. Miscellaneous.~~

20 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 created and enacted as follows:

1 **Expenditure reports by multicandidate political committees.**

2 1. A multicandidate political committee required to file a report under section  
3 16.1-08.1-02.3 shall file expenditure reports under this section with the secretary of  
4 state. For each aggregated expenditure of five thousand dollars or more spent in  
5 support of or opposition to a member of the legislative assembly or a candidate for the  
6 office of state senator or state representative, the multicandidate political committee  
7 shall file a report including:

8 a. The ~~aggregated amount expended~~name of the multicandidate committee;

9 b. The ~~name of the member or candidate supported or opposed~~complete address of  
10 the multicandidate committee;

11 c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;

12 ~~e.d.~~ Whether the expenditure was made in support of or opposition to ~~the member or~~  
13 a candidate or candidates and the name of the candidate or candidates;

14 e. The amount of the expenditure;

15 ~~d.f.~~ The ~~date~~cumulative total amount of the ~~expenditure; and~~ expenditures since the  
16 beginning of the calendar year which are required to be reported under this  
17 section;

18 ~~e.~~ A general description of the items, services, or contributions for which the  
19 expenditure was made, including the

20 g. The total of all expenditures made under each applicable expenditure category,  
21 and if advertising is an applicable expenditure category, whether the advertising  
22 was conducted via radio, mail, television, printed media, or social media; and

23 h. If applicable, whether the advertising expenditures were made in support of or  
24 opposition to a candidate or candidates and the name of the candidate or  
25 candidates.

26 2. ~~For purposes of calculating the aggregated expenditure per member of the legislative~~  
27 ~~assembly or candidate for the office of state senator or state representative under~~  
28 ~~subsection 1, expenditures made in support of or opposition to multiple members or~~  
29 ~~candidates must be divided equally by the number of members or candidates~~  
30 ~~supported or opposed, and the resulting amount must be allocated to each of the~~

1                    ~~relevant members or candidates. The statement must delineate clearly the amount~~  
2                    ~~expended in support of or opposition to each candidate.~~  
3                    ~~3.~~ Reports under this section must be filed within forty-eight hours after the  
4                    multicandidate political committee makes the expenditure that, when aggregated with  
5                    other expenditures in support of or opposition to the member or candidate, ~~exceeds~~ is  
6                    five thousand dollars or more.