

Dear Members of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

HB1431 is a piece of legislation that aims to streamline the organization and operation of political parties within our state. By updating these sections of the North Dakota Century Code, we can ensure that our political processes are more efficient, transparent, and reflective of the current needs of each district electorate. HB1431 addresses the issue of redistricting by establishing procedures for organizing party caucuses in newly redistricted areas. This is particularly important in ensuring that all legislative districts are adequately represented and that the voices of all constituents are heard. By setting clear guidelines for the organization of party caucuses in these areas, we can promote greater participation and engagement in the political process. Currently the state party chair was given the authority to organize or select an interim district chair to organize a district after redistricting. This type of authority can be and has been used to side step the will of the district electorate.

HB1431 represents a significant step forward in improving the organization and operation of political parties in North Dakota. I urge the committee for a DO PASS on this bill to help ensure that our political processes are fair, transparent, and efficient.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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