# PUBLIC WELFARE

# CHAPTER 288

H. B. No. 641 (Haugland, Haugen, Beede)

## RESIDENCE OF MARRIED WOMAN FOR RELIEF PURPOSES

#### AN ACT

- To amend and reenact section 50-0201 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to residence of married woman.
- Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:
- § 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 50-0201 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

50-0201. RESIDENCE OF MARRIED WOMAN.) The residence of a married woman for the purpose of this title follows that of her husband if he has any within or without the state, except that after uninterrupted separation without divorce for a period of one full year a married woman may establish residence in this state for relief purposes. A marriage between a woman who has residence within the state and a man who has no residence within or without the state shall not divest such woman of residence within the state for the purposes of poor relief until she acquires a new residence elsewhere. If a husband deserts his wife within one year after marriage, the wife may reacquire such residence as she had in this state at the time of her marriage.

Approved March 7, 1953.

### CHAPTER 289

S. B. No. 243 (Appropriations Committee)

### PUBLIC WELFARE RECORDS

#### AN ACT

- To amend and reenact sections 50-0736, 50-0827 and 50-0912 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, and section 34 of chapter 290 of the North Dakota Session Laws of 1951, relating to public welfare records.
- Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:
- § 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 50-0736 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
- 50-0736. Confidential Character Of Old Age Assistance Record; Penalty.) All applications, information, and records concerning any applicant or recipient of old age assistance under the provisions of this chapter shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed nor used for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of old age assistance; except that upon the personal written request of any elected public official the records of the names, addresses, and amounts of assistance shall be open for his inspection by the state or county welfare board. Such information shall not be used for any political or commercial purpose or made public in any manner. Any person using any application, information, or records concerning any applicant or recipient beyond his official capacity or for purposes not directly connected with the administration of old age assistance is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- § 2. AMENDMENT.) Section 50-0827 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
- 50-0827. AID TO THE BLIND RECORDS; RULES GOVERNING; USE OF.) The state agency may establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use, and preservation of the records, papers, files, and communications of the state and county agencies. Such rules and regulations shall provide that upon the personal written request of any elected public official the records of the names, addresses and amounts of assistance shall be opened for his inspection by the state or county welfare board. Such information shall not be used

for any political or commercial purpose or made public in any manner. The use of such records, papers, files, and communications by any other agency, department or government official to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished. Such office or official shall make adequate regulations or orders, consistent with the rules and regulations of the state agency, for the custody and use of such documents in its possession.

- § 3. AMENDMENT.) Section 50-0912 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
- 50-0912. Records: State Agency To Make Rules Governing; Use Of By Other Agencies Limited.) The rule-making power of the state agency shall include the power to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the state and county agencies. Such rules and regulations shall provide that upon the personal written request of any elected public official the state or county welfare board shall open for his inspection the records of the names, addresses and amounts of assistance, except that foster home cases involving unmarried mothers shall not be so open for such inspection. Such information shall not be used for any political or commercial purpose or made public in any manner. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency, department or government official to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished. Such office or official shall make adequate regulations or orders, consistent with the rules and regulations of the state agency, for the custody and use of such documents in its possession.
- § 4. AMENDMENT.) Section 34 of chapter 290 of the North Dakota session laws of 1951 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
- § 34. Confidential Character Of Aid To The Permanent-Ly And Totally Disabled Records; Penalty.) All applications, information and records concerning any applicant or recipient of aid shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose except for purposes directly connected with the administration of aid of this Act, except that upon the personal written request of any elected public official the records of the names, addresses and amounts of assistance shall be open for his inspection by the state or county welfare board. Such information shall not be used for any political or commercial purpose or made public in any manner. Any person using any application, information or records concern-

ing any applicant or recipient for purposes beyond his official capacity or not directly connected with the administration of aid to disabled persons is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved March 13, 1953.

## CHAPTER 290

H. B. No. 550
(Legislative Research Committee)
(at the request of the Public Welfare Board)

CLAIMS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE OR AID TO PERMANENTLY DISABLED NOT WITHIN STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

### AN ACT

Relating to the statute of limitations as it pertains to certain claims of the State of North Dakota.

- Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:
- § 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS SHALL NOT RUN.) The statute of limitations shall not run against claims of the state of North Dakota for repayment of old age assistance or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

Approved February 3, 1953.