

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1462

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Skarphol, Carlson

Senators Andrist, Fischer, B. Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to attendance at legislative standing and conference committee
3 meetings by state employees; and to amend and reenact section 54-35-08 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code, relating to introduction of legislation by executive agencies and the judicial
5 branch.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Attendance of state employees at legislative standing and conference committee**
10 **meetings.** A state employee may not testify or be present at a meeting of a legislative standing
11 committee or conference committee unless that employee has been requested to testify or
12 attend by a member of the committee or the sponsor of the bill being considered by the
13 committee, or unless the state employee is attending the meeting on the employee's own time.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **54-35-08. Recommended legislation may be required in advance.** The council may
17 require that any recommendation for legislation that is to be presented by any department,
18 board, commission, agency, officer, official, or employee of the state desiring the consideration
19 of the council, be presented to it at least sixty days in advance of any regular session. An
20 executive agency or the judicial branch may not request the introduction of any bill or file a bill
21 for introduction unless the entity receives the approval of a legislator to sponsor the bill. The
22 director of the budget, however, may file bills making appropriations to implement the budget
23 recommended by the governor, and the supreme court may file a bill implementing the budget

- 1 request of the judicial branch, and those bills are deemed introduced by the appropriations
- 2 committees at the request of the filing entity.