

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1284**

Introduced by

Representatives Wikenheiser, Maragos, Nottestad

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to political party district executive committee membership.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-03-07. Meeting of district committee - Organization.**

- 7 1. In every odd-numbered year, the district committee of each party shall meet within  
8 fifteen days after the precinct caucus provided for in section 16.1-03-01. The day,  
9 hour, and site must be set by the existing district committee chairman. The  
10 precinct committeemen of a party, selected as provided by this chapter, with any  
11 other persons provided for by the district committee's bylaws and as the district  
12 committee designates, constitute the district committee of the party. The district  
13 committee of a party must be organized to coincide with the geographical boundary  
14 lines of state legislative districts. Each member of any committee provided for in  
15 this chapter must be a qualified elector and must retain the office the member was  
16 elected to until a successor is chosen. The district committee shall organize by:
- 17 ~~4-~~ a. Selecting a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer chosen by the  
18 district committee. The officers selected need not be precinct committeemen;  
19 however, all the officers must be voting members of the district committee.
- 20 ~~2-~~ b. Adopting rules and modes of procedure not in conflict with law.
- 21 ~~3-~~ c. Filling any vacancies in the office of precinct committeeman pursuant to  
22 section 16.1-03-05.
- 23 ~~4-~~ d. Selecting an executive committee consisting of ~~from five to eighteen or more~~  
24 persons chosen from the district committee. The chairman, vice chairman,

1 treasurer, and secretary of the district committee must be members and the  
2 officers of the executive committee. That party's nominees for and members  
3 of the legislative assembly may also be members of the executive committee.  
4 The five ~~to eighteen~~ or more person membership ~~limitation~~ includes the  
5 officers of the executive committee and that party's nominees for and  
6 members of the legislative assembly.

7 2. The newly elected chairman shall notify the secretary of state of the names of the  
8 party officers selected. The secretary of state shall certify the names of the party  
9 officers to the county auditors. If the office of chairman becomes vacant, the vice  
10 chairman shall hold the office until the next regular election for the office or until a  
11 new chairman is selected by the district committee for the balance of the term,  
12 whichever occurs first. The secretary of state must be notified of any changes in  
13 membership of the district's committee officers by the district committee and must  
14 notify the county auditors of any changes.