

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2393

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Grindberg, Nelson

Representatives Glassheim, Price

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to duties of the department of commerce division of workforce
3 development; and to amend and reenact section 54-60-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to duties of the North Dakota economic development foundation.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-60-04. North Dakota economic development foundation - Executive committee**
9 **- Purpose Duties.** The North Dakota economic development foundation is created.

- 10 1. The foundation is composed of a minimum of fifteen and a maximum of thirty
11 members appointed by the governor for two-year terms, except the governor shall
12 appoint approximately one-half of the initial foundation members to one-year terms
13 in order to initiate a cycle of staggered terms. Appointment of the foundation
14 members must ensure a cross section of business, tourism, and economic
15 development representation, and must ensure that at least one member
16 represents rural concerns.
- 17 2. The foundation members shall elect an executive committee with a minimum of
18 five and a maximum of seven foundation members. The executive committee
19 members shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and a secretary.
- 20 3. The foundation shall seek funding for administrative expenses from private sector
21 sources and shall seek and distribute private sector funds for use in
22 commerce-related activities in the state.
- 23 4. The ~~purpose of the foundation is to~~ shall:
24 a. Provide the governor advice and counsel in selecting the commissioner;

- 1 b. Serve in an advisory role to the commissioner;_
- 2 c. Develop a strategic plan for economic development in the state and set
- 3 accountability standards, measurements, and benchmarks to evaluate the
- 4 effectiveness of the department in implementing the strategic plan;_
- 5 d. Develop a strategic plan for the development of value-added agriculture in the
- 6 state; ~~and~~._
- 7 e. Monitor tourism and economic development activities and initiatives of the
- 8 department.
- 9 f. Recommend state and federal legislation relating to strengthening the state's
- 10 economy and increasing the state's population.
- 11 g. Monitor state and federal legislation and initiatives that may impact the state's
- 12 economy and population.
- 13 h. Serve as a source of expertise for developing public and private initiatives to
- 14 strengthen the state's economy and increase the state's population.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Division of workforce development - Duties.** The division of workforce development
18 shall actively monitor local, regional, and national private and public workforce development
19 initiatives.