

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the legislative council state-tribal relations committee; and to provide
3 an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **State-tribal relations committee - Duties.**

- 8 1. The legislative council, during each biennium, shall appoint a state-tribal relations
9 committee in the same manner as the council appoints other interim committees.
- 10 2. In addition to the legislative members appointed by the legislative council, the
11 following serve as ex officio nonvoting members:
- 12 a. The executive director of the Indian affairs commission;
 - 13 b. The chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's designee;
 - 14 c. The chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe, or the chairman's designee;
 - 15 d. The chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, or the chairman's designee;
 - 16 e. The chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, or the
17 chairman's designee; and
 - 18 f. The chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's
19 designee.
- 20 3. The council shall designate the chairman of the committee.
- 21 4. The committee shall operate according to the statutes and procedures governing
22 the operation of other legislative council interim committees.
- 23 5. The non-legislative members of the committee are not entitled to compensation
24 and reimbursement for expenses, except the executive director of the Indian affairs

1 commission is entitled to mileage and expenses to be paid by the Indian affairs
2 commission. The committee shall report to the legislative council in the same
3 manner as do other interim legislative committees.

4 6. The duties of the state-tribal relations committee include:

5 a. Acting as a liaison with tribal governments;

6 b. Encouraging state-tribal and local government-tribal cooperation;

7 c. Promoting economic development and promoting the establishment of
8 partnerships and new tribal business entities on Indian reservations in the
9 state;

10 d. Studying federal and state rules regarding health care and water issues; and

11 e. Identifying common bonds and proposing legislation for the mutual benefit of
12 the state and the tribes.

13 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through December 31, 2008,
14 and after that date is ineffective.