

SENATE BILL NO. 2104

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-09.1-05.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the selection of jurors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-09.1-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **27-09.1-05.1. Selection of jurors from judicial district - Impact of natural disaster -**

7 **Grounds and method for selection.** The court, upon its own motion or in response to a
8 motion by a party, may direct that prospective jurors be selected from one or more counties in
9 the judicial district in which the court is located if the ~~county of venue has a population of not~~
10 ~~more than ten thousand persons and the~~ court determines that the number of prospective jurors
11 within the county of venue is ~~inadequate~~ insufficient to obtain ~~a fair and impartial~~ an adequate
12 jury pool. Following notification by the court, the clerk of court of any county in the judicial
13 district shall submit a specified number of names, with mailing addresses, of the prospective,
14 qualified jurors to the clerk of court of the county of venue. If a natural disaster impairs the
15 selection of a sufficient number of prospective jurors in any county, the supreme court, by
16 emergency order, may authorize the court in the affected county to obtain additional names and
17 mailing addresses of prospective, qualified jurors from the clerk of court of an adjoining county
18 ~~in the judicial district~~ or from the clerk of court of another county in the judicial district if a
19 sufficient number of names and addresses is not available from the adjoining county.