

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-36-01 and 54-36-03 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the members and the powers and duties of the Indian affairs  
3 commission; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-36-01 is amended:

6 **54-36-01. Commission - Members - Officers - Expenses of members.** The North  
7 Dakota Indian affairs commission consists of the governor, three members appointed by the  
8 governor from the state at large, two of whom must be of Indian descent, must be enrolled  
9 members of a tribe, and must be current voting residents of the state of North Dakota, and the  
10 chairperson, or the chairperson's designee, of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; the Spirit Lake  
11 ~~Tribe Nation~~; the Three Affiliated Tribes ~~of the Fort Berthold Reservation - Mandan, Hidatsa,~~  
12 and Arikara; the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
13 of the Lake Traverse Reservation. The governor is the chairperson of the commission. The  
14 commission shall meet quarterly or as otherwise agreed. Members of the commission or the  
15 chairperson's designee are entitled to receive mileage and expenses for attending each  
16 meeting as are allowed other state officers.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-36-03 is amended:

18 **54-36-03. Powers and duties - Continuing appropriation.** The Indian affairs  
19 commission ~~shall have the power to~~ may assist and ~~to~~ mobilize the support of state and federal  
20 agencies in assisting Indian individuals and groups in North Dakota, especially the five tribal  
21 councils, as ~~they~~ the Indian individuals and tribal councils seek to develop their own goals,  
22 project plans for achieving those goals, and implement those plans. The commission may  
23 accept gifts, grants, donations, legacies, and devises from any source which are appropriated  
24 for the purposes of the commission. The commission's duties are to:

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- 1           1.   ~~To investigate~~ Investigate any phase of Indian affairs and to assemble and make  
2                   available the facts needed by tribal, state, and federal agencies to work effectively  
3                   together.
- 4           2.   ~~To assist~~ Assist tribal, state, and federal agencies in developing programs whereby  
5                   Indian citizens may achieve more adequate standards of living.
- 6           3.   ~~To assist~~ Assist tribal groups in developing increasingly effective institutions of  
7                   self-government.
- 8           4.   ~~To work~~ Work for greater understanding and improved relationships between  
9                   Indians and non-Indians.
- 10          5.   ~~To seek~~ Seek increased participation by Indian citizens in local and state affairs.
- 11          6.   ~~To confer~~ Confer with and coordinate officials and agencies of other governmental  
12               units and congressional committees with regard to Indian needs and goals.
- 13          7.   ~~To encourage~~ Encourage and propose agreements and accords between federal,  
14               state, and local agencies and the several tribal governments, and, pursuant to  
15               chapter 54-40.2, to assist in monitoring and negotiating agreements and accords  
16               when ~~asked~~ requested by an affected tribe.