

HOUSE BILL NO. 1179
with Senate Amendments

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of North Dakota

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Introduced by

Representatives Price, N. Johnson, Porter

Senators Fischer, J. Lee, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 23-35-04 and section
2 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the formation of health districts and
3 to participation in the uniform group insurance program.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 23-35-04 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. Upon the adoption of a resolution, the governing body may form a single county,
8 multicounty, or a city-county health district.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
10 is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **54-52.1-03.1. Certain political subdivisions authorized to join uniform group**
12 **insurance program - Employer contribution.** A political subdivision may extend the benefits
13 of the uniform group insurance program under this chapter to its permanent employees, subject
14 to minimum requirements established by the board and a minimum period of participation of
15 sixty months. If the political subdivision withdraws from participation in the uniform group
16 insurance program, before completing sixty months of participation, the political subdivision
17 shall make payment to the board in an amount equal to any expenses incurred in the uniform
18 group insurance program that exceed income received on behalf of the political subdivision's
19 employees as determined under rules adopted by the board. The Garrison Diversion
20 Conservancy District, and district health units required to participate in the public employees
21 retirement system under section 54-52-02, shall participate in the uniform group insurance
22 program under the same terms and conditions as state agencies. A retiree who has accepted a
23 retirement allowance from a participating political subdivision's retirement plan may elect to
24 participate in the uniform group under this chapter without meeting minimum requirements at

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1 age sixty-five, when the employee's spouse reaches age sixty-five, upon the receipt of a
2 benefit, when the political subdivision joins the uniform group insurance plan if the retiree was a
3 member of the former plan, or when the spouse terminates employment. If a retiree or
4 surviving spouse does not elect to participate at the times specified in this section, the retiree or
5 surviving spouse must meet the minimum requirements established by the board. Each retiree
6 or surviving spouse shall pay directly to the board the premiums in effect for the coverage then
7 being provided. The board may require documentation that the retiree has accepted a
8 retirement allowance from an eligible retirement plan other than the public employees
9 retirement system.