

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

Introduced by

Representative Berg

Senator Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to campaign finance reporting; and to amend and reenact subsection 8
3 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a political
4 committee.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 8. "Political committee" means any committee, club, association, or other group of
9 persons which receives contributions or makes expenditures for political purposes
10 and includes the following:

11 a. A political action committee, derived from a corporation, cooperative
12 corporation, limited liability company, or an association that is prohibited from
13 making direct contributions for political purposes under section
14 16.1-08.1-03.3, and which solicits or receives contributions or makes
15 expenditures for political purposes;

16 b. A candidate committee, established to support an individual candidate
17 seeking statewide office, that solicits or receives contributions for political
18 purposes;

19 c. An organization governed by section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code
20 [26 U.S.C. 527], which solicits or receives contributions or makes
21 expenditures for political purposes;

22 d. A multicandidate political committee, established to support multiple groups or
23 slates of candidates seeking public office, that solicits or receives
24 contributions for political purposes; and

1 ~~e.~~ e. A measure committee that solicits or receives contributions for the purpose of
2 aiding or opposing a measure to be voted upon by the voters of the state.

3 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

- 5 1. An organization governed by section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C.
6 527], which solicits or receives contributions or makes expenditures for political
7 purposes, shall file a statement showing the name and mailing address of each
8 contributor of an amount in excess of two hundred dollars in the aggregate for the
9 reporting period and a listing of all expenditures of an amount in excess of two
10 hundred dollars in the aggregate made for political purposes with the secretary of
11 state. The statement must include the amount of each reportable contribution and
12 the date the contribution was received. The statement must also include the
13 amount of each reportable expenditure and the date the expenditure was made.
- 14 2. A preelection statement must be filed no later than the twelfth day before a
15 primary, special, or general election and must be complete from the beginning of
16 the calendar year through the twentieth day before the election.
- 17 3. A year-end statement covering the entire calendar year must be filed no later than
18 the thirty-first day of January of the following year.
- 19 4. Even if such an organization has not received any contributions or made any
20 expenditure in excess of two hundred dollars during the reporting period, the
21 organization shall file a statement as required by this chapter.
- 22 5. A statement filed according to this section during the reporting period must show
23 the following:
 - 24 a. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made in excess
25 of two hundred dollars;
 - 26 b. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made of two
27 hundred dollars or less; and
 - 28 c. The cash on hand in the filer's account at the start and close of the reporting
29 period.
- 30 6. The organization shall report the occupation, employer, and principal place of
31 business of each person, or the political committee if not already registered

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- 1 according to state or federal law, that contributed five thousand dollars or more in
- 2 the aggregate during the reporting period.