

SENATE BILL NO. 2237

Introduced by

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Representative L. Meier

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 16.1-02-09 and sections
2 16.1-02-13 and 16.1-02-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the central voter file.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-02-09 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. If an individual makes a written request to the county auditor for removal of the
7 individual's record from the central voter file, the county auditor shall change the
8 designation of the individual contained in the central voter file to "~~inactive~~ secured
9 active".

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-02-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **16.1-02-13. Information contained in pollbooks generated from the central voter**
13 **file.** The county auditor shall generate a pollbook for each precinct in the county from the
14 central voter file by the day before an election. With the exception of the unique identifier,
15 which is an exempt record, the precinct pollbooks are open records under section 44-04-18.
16 Between the fifteenth day before the election and the day of the election, no changes or
17 updates to records of individuals contained in the central voter file or a pollbook generated from
18 the central voter file may be made, other than changes related to the status of an individual
19 voting early or an individual requesting and returning an absent voter's ballot. The secretary of
20 state shall prescribe procedures for generating pollbooks and for transporting the pollbooks to
21 the election judges for use on election day. Pollbooks generated from the central voter file must
22 contain the following information for each individual contained therein:

- 23 1. The complete legal name of the individual.
24 2. The complete residential address of the individual.

- 1 3. ~~The complete mailing address of the individual, if different from the individual's~~
2 ~~residential address.~~
- 3 4. The unique identifier generated and assigned to the individual.
- 4 ~~5.~~ 4. The county, legislative district, city or township, school district, county
5 commissioner district, if applicable, precinct name, and precinct number in which
6 the individual resides. A ballot-style code identifying this information may be used
7 in place of the information required by this subsection.
- 8 ~~6.~~ 5. Any other information requested of and obtained from the individual deemed
9 necessary by the secretary of state for the proper administration of the pollbook.

10 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-02-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **16.1-02-15. Voter lists and reports may be made available for election-related**
13 **purposes - Funds received.** Except as otherwise provided by law, a voter list or a report
14 generated from the central voter file may be made available to a candidate, political party, or a
15 political committee for election-related purposes. Any information obtained by a candidate,
16 political party, or political committee for election-related purposes from a list or report generated
17 from the central voter file may not be sold or distributed for a purpose that is not
18 election-related. Except for information identified in the central voter file under subsections 1, 2,
19 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of section 16.1-02-12, which may be made available to a candidate, political
20 party, or political committee for election-related purposes, information in the central voter file is
21 an exempt record. Any funds received by the secretary of state to pay the cost of producing a
22 report or list of voters contained in the central voter file must be deposited in the secretary of
23 state's general services operating fund.