

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1347**

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Berg, Weiler

Senators Dotzenrod, J. Lee, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of  
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of state or political subdivision services or  
3 property for political purposes; and to provide a penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of the  
6 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 a. "Political purpose" means any activity undertaken in support of or in  
8 opposition to a statewide initiated or referred measure, a constitutional  
9 amendment or measure, or the election or nomination of a candidate to public  
10 office and includes using "vote for", "oppose", or any similar support or  
11 opposition language in any advertisement whether the activity is undertaken  
12 by a candidate, a political committee, a political party, or any person. In the  
13 period thirty days before a primary election and sixty days before a special or  
14 general election, "political purpose" also means any activity in which a  
15 candidate's name, office, district, or any term meaning the same as  
16 "incumbent" or "challenger" is used in support of or in opposition to the  
17 election or nomination of a candidate to public office. The term does not  
18 include activities undertaken in the performance of a duty of a state office or a  
19 position taken in any bona fide news story, commentary, or editorial.