

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

Introduced by

Representatives Nathe, Porter, Thoreson

Senator Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the definition of a meeting.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 8. a. "Meeting" means a formal or informal gathering or a work session, whether in
7 person or through electronic means such as telephone or videoconference,
8 of:
- 9 (1) A quorum of the members of the governing body of a public entity
10 regarding public business; or
- 11 (2) Less than a quorum of the members of the governing body of a public
12 entity regarding public business, if the members attending one or more
13 of such smaller gatherings collectively constitute a quorum and if the
14 members hold the gathering for the purpose of avoiding the
15 requirements of section 44-04-19.
- 16 b. "Meeting" ~~includes work sessions, but~~ does not include:
- 17 (1) A chance or social gatherings where gathering at which public business
18 is not considered and does not include the;
- 19 (2) Emergency operations during a disaster or emergency declared under
20 section 37-17.1-10 or an equivalent ordinance if a quorum of the
21 members of the governing body are present but are not discussing
22 public business as the full governing body or as a task force or working
23 group; and

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1 (3) The attendance of members of a governing body at meetings of any
2 national, regional, or state association to which the public entity, the
3 governing body, or individual members belong.

4 c. Notwithstanding subdivisions a and b, as applied to the legislative assembly,
5 "meeting" means any gathering subject to section 14 of article IV of the
6 Constitution of North Dakota.