

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 16.1-08.1-01 and section
2 16.1-08.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign finance.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 5. "Expenditure" means a gift, transfer, conveyance, provision, loan, advance,
7 payment, distribution, disbursement, outlay, or deposit of money or anything of
8 value, except a loan of money from a bank or other lending institution made in the
9 regular course of business, made for the direct purpose of influencing the passage
10 or defeat of a measure or the nomination for election, or election, of any ~~person~~
11 individual to office. The term also means a contract, promise, or agreement,
12 express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure
13 and includes the transfer of funds by a political committee to another political
14 committee.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.2 of the North Dakota Century
16 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **16.1-08.1-03.2. Political committee registration.** A statewide candidate, ~~statewide~~
18 ~~candidate committee, or political action committee, multicandidate committee, or a measure~~
19 committee, as ~~described~~ defined in section 16.1-08.1-01 shall register its name, address, and
20 its agent's name and address with the secretary of state each calendar year in which it receives
21 any contribution. The registration must be completed within fifteen business days of the receipt
22 of any contribution or expenditure made and must be submitted with a registration fee of
23 twenty-five dollars. A political committee that organizes and registers according to federal law
24 and makes a disbursement in excess of two hundred dollars to a nonfederal candidate seeking

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- 1 public office, a political party, or political committee in this state is not required to register as a
- 2 political committee according to this section if the political committee reports according to
- 3 section 16.1-08.1-03.7. Registration under this section does not reserve the name for exclusive
- 4 use nor does it constitute registration of a trade name under chapter 47-25.