

HOUSE BILL NO. 1311

Introduced by

Representatives S. Meyer, Headland, Kretschmar, Boe

Senators Bowman, Olafson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to contribution and expenditure statements filed by persons sponsoring the
3 circulation of initiated measure petitions.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **16.1-08.1-03.1. Contributions statement required of persons and measure committees**
8 **circulating or promoting passage or defeat of initiated or referred measure.**

9 1. At the time the sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition submits signed
10 petitions to the secretary of state, the committee also shall submit a statement
11 disclosing the total amount of contributions received by the committee to aid the
12 committee in drafting and circulating the petition, the name and mailing address of
13 each person that contributed more than one hundred dollars in the aggregate to the
14 sponsoring committee, the date each such contribution was received, and the total
15 amount of expenditures made by the committee to aid in the drafting and circulation of
16 the petition.

17 2. Any~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any~~ person or
18 measure committee, as described in section 16.1-08.1-01, ~~whethat~~ is soliciting or
19 accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding or opposing the circulation or
20 passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure placed upon a
21 statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly at any election shall file a
22 statement in accordance with this ~~section~~subsection if the person has received any
23 ~~contributions from a person~~contribution in excess of one hundred dollars. The
24 statement must include the name and mailing address of ~~all contributors who~~each

1 person that contributed in excess of one hundred dollars to the person, the amount of
2 each reportable contribution, and the date each reportable contribution was received.
3 The statement must include the name and mailing address of each recipient of an
4 expenditure exceeding one hundred dollars in the aggregate, the amount of each
5 reportable expenditure, and the date the expenditure was made.

6 ~~2.3. A~~ ~~The sponsoring committee for an initiated measure petition and any~~ person or
7 measure committee ~~whethat~~ is soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of
8 aiding or opposing the circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum
9 petition or measure placed upon a statewide ballot by action of the legislative
10 assembly may not accept a contribution of more than one hundred dollars from a
11 ~~person who does not reside in this state or from~~ an out-of-state person or political
12 committee unless the contribution is accompanied by a certified statement from the
13 contributor listing the name, address, and amount contributed by each person ~~whethat~~
14 contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The statement must
15 indicate if no ~~individual~~ person contributed in excess of one hundred dollars of the
16 out-of-state person's or political committee's overall contribution. The certified
17 statement must also list the occupation, employer, and principal place of business for
18 each ~~person~~ individual who contributed more than one hundred dollars of the
19 contribution. The ~~chairman of the sponsoring committee of an initiated measure~~
20 ~~petition and~~ person soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding the
21 circulation of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or of promoting passage or
22 defeat of a statewide initiated or referred measure ~~must~~ shall include this statement
23 with the contribution statement required to be filed under subsection ~~4~~ 2.

24 ~~3.4. The sponsoring committee of an initiated measure petition shall file quarterly~~
25 ~~statements during the period the measure is being circulated, which statements must~~
26 ~~be filed with the secretary of state no later than the twelfth day after the end of each~~
27 ~~quarter during which the petition is being circulated.~~ The statement required of a
28 person or measure committee under subsection ~~4~~ 2 must be filed with the secretary of
29 state no later than the twelfth day ~~prior to~~ before the date of the election in which the
30 measure appears or would have appeared on the ballot complete from the beginning
31 of that calendar year through the twentieth day ~~prior to~~ before the date of the election.

- 1 A complete statement for the entire calendar year for each statement required to be
2 filed under ~~this section~~ subsections 2 and 3 must be filed no later than the thirty-first
3 day of January of the following year. Even if a person required to report according to
4 this section has not received any contributions in excess of one hundred dollars during
5 the reporting period, the person shall file a statement as required by this chapter. A
6 statement filed according to ~~this section~~ subsections 2 and 3 during the reporting
7 period must show the following:
- 8 a. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made in excess of
9 one hundred dollars;
 - 10 b. The gross total of all contributions received and expenditures made of one
11 hundred dollars, or less; and
 - 12 c. The cash on hand in the filer's account at the start and close of the reporting
13 period.