

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1418

Introduced by

Representatives Mock, Beadle, Maragos

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
2 ~~relating to publishing and preserving statements of interests.~~ for an Act to provide for a
3 legislative management study of statements of interests.

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

5 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
6 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

7 ~~— **16.1-09-05. Powers and duties of the secretary of state and county and city auditors.**~~

8 ~~— 1. The secretary of state, or the county or city auditor, when appropriate shall:~~

9 ~~— 1. a. Accept and file any statement submitted pursuant to this chapter.~~

10 ~~— 2. b. Make statements filed available for public inspection and copying during regular~~
11 ~~office hours. A reasonable fee may be charged to cover the cost of copying.~~
12 ~~Proceeds from any fees charged must be deposited in the general fund of the~~
13 ~~appropriate governmental entity.~~

14 ~~— 3. c. Preserve statements filed under this chapter for the term of office to which the~~
15 ~~person making disclosure is elected or appointed or until a new statement is filed~~
16 ~~and preserve statements filed pursuant to this chapter by those candidates who~~
17 ~~are not elected or appointed for a period of one year at least ten years after the~~
18 ~~date of receipt.~~

19 ~~— 2. The secretary of state shall make each statement filed under this chapter with the~~
20 ~~secretary of state available on the internet to the public free of charge within fourteen~~
21 ~~days after filing.~~

22 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATEMENTS OF INTERESTS.**

23 During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the purpose
24 and content of statements of interests and the forms and information required to be filed,

1 including the appropriate financial interests and other necessary content. The study must
2 include consideration of whether supplementary statements or updates of information are
3 necessary and a determination as to who is required to file statements of interest and who
4 should be filing statements of interest. The study also must include a review of filing deadlines
5 and consideration of how long records should be retained. The legislative management shall
6 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
7 recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.