

Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Opposition to HB 1289

2 Whereas, the current guidelines to vote in North Dakota require an individual to live in North Dakota with proof of address and residence in their voting precinct for 30 days, and

4 Whereas, HB 1289 seeks to change the definition of a qualified elector in the state to an individual who has lived in the state of North Dakota for a minimum of one year and has resided in the precinct in which they would vote for a minimum of 90 days, and

6 Whereas, HB 1289 would impact any college students who have moved to North Dakota, and would bar those establishing residency in an election year from voting, and

8 Whereas, this would prevent those students from exercising their right to vote, and

10 Whereas, if passed, HB 1289 could prevent new students at NDUS institutions, such as UND, from voting in federal, state, and local elections, and

Whereas, UND Student Government has long promoted the student's right to vote, and

12 Whereas, HB 1289 would reduce the number of students eligible to vote after moving to an NDUS institution, further reducing voter turnout across the state of North Dakota;

14 Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government opposes HB 1289, as it limits a student's right to vote in their given campus community.

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