

April 8, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Page 1, line 6, after the third comma insert "and"

Page 1, line 6, after the fourth comma insert "section 1 of House Bill No. 1256, as approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly, sections"

Page 1, line 14, after the third comma insert "16.1-11.1-02,"

Page 10, after line 26, insert:

**"SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of House Bill No. 1256, as approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Use of nonpublic funds prohibited - Penalty.**

1. The state and political subdivisions may not solicit, accept, or use any grants or donations from private persons for elections operations or administration except:
  - a. The use of privately owned facilities for polling places;
  - b. Food for poll workers; and
  - c. Other nonmonetary donations that are not used to prepare, process, mark, collect, or tabulate ballots or votes.
2. An individual who knowingly violates subsection 1 is guilty of an infraction."

Page 11, line 26, remove the overstrike over "~~Within~~"

Page 11, line 26, replace "Before the meeting of the county canvassing board" with "twelve business days"

Page 13, line 20, remove the overstrike over "~~Within~~"

Page 13, line 20, after "~~seventy-five~~" insert "fifty calendar"

Page 13, line 20, remove the overstrike over "~~days after each election~~"

Page 13, line 20, remove "Before the end of the contest period allowed"

Page 13, line 21, remove "under section 16.1-16-04"

Page 17, line 12, remove "Have printed on the ballot "The word 'endorsed' following or under a candidate's"

Page 17, remove lines 13 through 15

Page 17, line 16, remove "f."

Page 17, line 18, replace "g." with "f."

Page 17, line 22, replace "h." with "g."

Page 25, line 8, after "signature" insert ", a notification the signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit on the envelope in which the absentee ballot must be placed"

Page 27, line 21, replace "voter who is blind, visually impaired, or print disabled" with "qualified elector living with a disability that prevents the elector from reading or marking the ballot without assistance"

Page 27, line 21, after "and" insert "who"

Page 28, after line 17, insert:

"The signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit included in the application for the absentee ballot."

Page 50, line 9, after the period insert "The word 'endorsed' or 'petition' will appear after or under the name of a candidate for statewide or legislative district office. The word 'endorsed' in this context means the candidate was endorsed by the political party indicated. The word 'petition' in this context means the candidate circulated a petition for signatures to be included on the ballot."

Page 50, line 23, after the first "a" insert "statewide or legislative district"

Page 50, line 26, after "a" insert "statewide or legislative district"

Page 53, after line 17, insert:

**"SECTION 64. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-11.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**16.1-11.1-02. Application for mail ballots.**

The county auditor shall mail an application form for a mail ballot to each ~~individual~~active voter listed in the central voter file for the county and each qualified individual eligible to vote in the state for the first time on one date no sooner than the fiftieth day before the election and no later than the fortieth day before the election. The county auditor, for two consecutive weeks after the date on which the mail ballot applications are mailed, shall publish in the official newspaper of the county an application form for a mail ballot and a notice that additional mail ballot applications may be obtained from the election official. The application form for a mail ballot must be in substantially the form provided in section 16.1-07-06."

Page 53, line 28, replace "individual" with "active voter"

Page 53, line 29, after "mail" insert "and each qualified individual eligible to vote in the state for the first time"

Page 64, line 11, remove "A voter may take up to thirty minutes to mark and cast the ballot after"

Page 64, remove lines 12 through 20

Page 66, line 6, overstrike "shall" and insert immediately thereafter "must"

Re-number accordingly