

HOUSE BILL NO. 1361

Introduced by

Representatives Christensen, Bellew, Heilman, Hoverson, Kasper, Kempenich, Koppelman,
Toman

Senators Larsen, Magrum, Vedaa, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to ~~create and enact a new section to chapter 1-08~~ amend and reenact
2 subsection 8 of section 1-01-49 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~personhood~~
3 ~~status~~ the definition of person; ~~to provide for application~~; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 ~~— **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
6 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

7 ~~— **Personhood status.**~~

8 ~~— Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual's rights are superior and not equal~~
9 ~~to environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, inanimate objects, corporations, or~~
10 ~~governmental entities. Environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, inanimate~~
11 ~~objects, corporations, or governmental entities may not be granted personhood in the state or~~
12 ~~any right personhood entails.~~

13 ~~— **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act does not apply to or revoke the status of any legal~~
14 ~~person in or of any municipality, organization, corporation, or other legal or business entity~~
15 ~~recognized by the laws of the state as such before the effective date of this Act.~~

16 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 1-01-49 of the North Dakota Century
17 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 8. "Person" means an individual, organization, government, political subdivision, or
19 government agency or instrumentality. The term does not include environmental
20 elements, artificial intelligence, an animal, or an inanimate object.

21 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.