

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1236
(Representatives Dockter, D. Anderson, Hagert, Weisz)
(Senators Elkin, Weber)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 58-04-01, 58-05.1-07, 58-06-02, 58-07-01, and 58-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to township officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 58-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-04-01. Annual township meeting - When held - Change in meeting place - Notice.

The electors of each township annually shall assemble and hold a township meeting ~~on the third Tuesday in the month of March at such the place in the township or in an adjacent township as designated by the board of township supervisors thereof shall designate.~~ Notice of the time and place of holding the meeting must be given by the township clerk at least ten days ~~prior to~~ before the meeting by publication in a legal newspaper published in the township or, if there is no such newspaper, then in the county's official newspaper. Before a change in the place of holding the annual township meeting is made, notice of the contemplated change may be given by any member of the board of township supervisors to the township clerk, who shall have such change published if time allows. Otherwise, the township clerk shall post notice of the change. ~~Where~~ if an incorporated city is wholly or partially within the boundaries of the township or an adjacent township, all township meetings may be held ~~in such~~ at the place within such an incorporated city, ~~as designated by the board of township supervisors thereof may designate.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 58-05.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-05.1-07. Multitownship board - Election.

~~On the third Tuesday of March following~~ Following the annual township meeting under section 58-04-01 and the consolidation election, a multitownship meeting must be held and the qualified electors shall elect a multitownship board of supervisors. If the number of consolidated townships is five or fewer, the multitownship board of supervisors must consist of one supervisor elected from each township. If the number of consolidated townships is two or four, an additional township supervisor must be elected at large so the multitownship board consists of three or five members. The length of the terms of the supervisors first elected must be staggered so that the terms of an equal amount of supervisors, or as nearly as practicable, expire each year. In addition, the qualified electors shall elect a multitownship clerk and a multitownship treasurer. The multitownship officers elected at the annual meeting shall assume all the powers and duties of the township officers of the townships approving the consolidation.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 58-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-06-02. Compensation of supervisors.

A township supervisor ~~is entitled to~~ may receive as compensation for services up to ~~sixty~~ one hundred dollars a day for each day necessarily devoted to the work of a supervisor's office not exceeding ~~two~~ four thousand dollars in a calendar year. The electors of the township shall establish the daily compensation rate for township supervisors at each annual township meeting. Additional compensation over ~~two~~ four thousand dollars may be provided for reimbursement of expenses as

provided in section 44-08-04 and for mileage as provided in section 54-06-09 for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of a supervisor's duties.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 58-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-07-01. Compensation of clerk.

The township clerk ~~is entitled to~~may receive as compensation for services up to ~~sixtyone hundred~~ two thousand dollars a day for each day necessarily devoted to the work of the clerk's office not exceeding ~~two~~four thousand dollars in a calendar year. The electors of the township shall establish the daily compensation rate for the township clerk at each annual township meeting. Additional compensation over ~~two~~four thousand dollars may be provided for reimbursement of expenses as provided in section 44-08-04 and for mileage as provided in section 54-06-09 for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of the clerk's duties. In those townships in which the offices of township clerk and treasurer have been merged, the individual elected to fill the new office is entitled to receive compensation as township clerk only.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 58-08-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-08-01. Compensation of treasurer.

The township treasurer ~~is entitled to~~may receive as compensation for services up to ~~sixtyone hundred~~ two thousand dollars a day for each day necessarily devoted to the work of the treasurer's office not exceeding ~~two~~four thousand dollars in a calendar year. The electors of the township shall establish the daily compensation rate for the township treasurer at each annual township meeting. Additional compensation over ~~two~~four thousand dollars may be provided for reimbursement of expenses as provided in section 44-08-04 and for mileage as provided in section 54-06-09 for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of the treasurer's duties. The township treasurer may not be allowed a percentage on the balance turned over to the treasurer's successor in office.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1236.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 4 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State