

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-07-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the procedure for the governor to deliver bills and vetoed bills; and to declare an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-07-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-07-01.5. Governor to file bills with secretary of state and return vetoed bills to**
8 **house of origin.**

9 1. When the legislative assembly is in session, within three legislative days after the bill
10 has been delivered to the governor:

11 a. The governor shall ~~cause~~ file with the secretary of state each bill passed by the
12 legislative assembly and not vetoed by the governor to be filed with the secretary
13 of state within five legislative days after the bill has been delivered to the
14 governor.

15 b. For a bill vetoed in full, the governor shall return the bill to the secretary of the
16 senate or the secretary's designee, if the bill is a senate bill, or to the chief clerk
17 of the house of representatives or the chief clerk's designee, if the bill is a house
18 bill, together with the governor's statement of objections to the bill.

19 c. For a bill subject to an item veto, the governor shall strike on the face of the bill
20 the language to which the governor objects and return the bill to the secretary of
21 the senate or the secretary's designee, if the bill is a senate bill, or to the chief
22 clerk of the house of representatives or the chief clerk's designee, if the bill is a
23 house bill, together with the governor's statement of objections to the bill.

2. If the legislative assembly is not in session, ~~the~~within fifteen days, Saturdays and
Sundays excepted, after the bill has been delivered to the governor:

a. ~~The governor shall cause~~file each bill delivered to~~passed by the legislative~~
~~assembly and not vetoed by the governor to be filed with the secretary of state~~
~~within fifteen days, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, after delivery of the bill to~~
~~the governor.~~

b. For a bill vetoed in full, the governor shall file the bill, together with the governor's
statement of objections to the bill, with the secretary of state. The governor also
shall file a copy of the governor's statement of objections with the director of the
legislative council or the director's designee.

c. For a bill subject to an item veto, the governor shall strike on the face of the bill
the language to which the governor objects and file the bill, together with the
governor's statement of objections to the bill, with the secretary of state. The
governor also shall file a copy of the marked up bill and the governor's statement
of objections with the director of the legislative council or the director's designee.

3. For an item veto, the language struck on the face of the bill represents the vetoed
item, regardless of any conflicting statements provided in the governor's statement of
objections to the bill.

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