

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1204**

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Dressler, Fisher, Frelich, Meier, Toman

Senators Luick, Van Oosting

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the publication of false information in political advertisements; and to provide a  
3 penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **16.1-10-04. Publication of false information in political advertisements - Penalty.**

8 1. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if ~~that~~the person knowingly, or with  
9 reckless disregard for its truth or falsity, publishes ~~any~~a political advertisement or news  
10 release ~~that contains any~~containing an assertion, representation, or statement of fact,  
11 including information concerning a candidate's prior public record, which is untrue,  
12 deceptive, or misleading, ~~whether~~ on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for  
13 public office, initiated measure, referred measure, constitutional amendment, or any  
14 other issue, question, or proposal on an election ballot, ~~and whether the~~  
15 ~~publication~~which is published by radio, television, newspaper, text message, telephone  
16 call, pamphlet, folder, display cards, signs, posters, billboard advertisements,  
17 websites, electronic transmission, social media, or by any other public means or  
18 commercial medium.

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- 1        2. This section does not apply to a newspaper, television or radio station, or other
- 2                commercial medium that is not the source of the political advertisement or news
- 3                release.