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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1032

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Judiciary Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 27-05-06 and chapter 40-18.1
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of district courts and municipal court
3 requirements, jurisdiction, procedures, and processes; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of
4 section 29-07-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to indigent defense; and to
5 repeal sections 40-11-10, 40-11-11, 40-11-12, and 40-11-13 and chapter 40-18 of the North
6 Dakota Century Code, relating to ordinance violations and municipal judges.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 27-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 Power to hear and determine all actions and proceedings arising from the
11 enforcement of city ordinances in a city:

12 a. With a population of fewer than five thousand in which there is not a municipal
13 court or municipal judge under chapter 40-18.1.

14 b. That has entered an agreement under section ~~40-18.1-22~~40-18.1-23 or
15 ~~40-18.1-24~~40-18.1-25.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 29-07-01.1 of the North Dakota
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18 1. Lawyers provided to represent indigent persons must be compensated at a
19 reasonable rate to be determined by the commission on legal counsel for indigents.
20 Expenses necessary for the adequate defense of an indigent person prosecuted in

1 district court, other than for a violation of a home rule county's ordinance, when
2 approved by the commission, must be paid by the state. Expenses necessary for the
3 adequate defense of an indigent person prosecuted for violation of a home rule
4 county's ordinance must be paid by the home rule county. Expenses necessary for the
5 adequate defense of an indigent person prosecuted ~~in for a violation of a municipal~~
6 ~~court~~ ordinance, when approved by the judge, must be paid by the city in which the
7 alleged offense took place. The ~~city shall~~ city shall also pay the expenses in any matter
8 transferred to district court ~~pursuant to~~ under section ~~40-18-06.2 or~~
9 ~~40-18-15.1~~ 40-18.1-18, 40-18.1-22, 40-18.1-23, or 40-18.1-24, or 40-18.1-25, in any
10 appeal taken to district court from a judgment of conviction in municipal court ~~pursuant~~
11 ~~to~~ under section ~~40-18-19~~ 40-18.1-19 or 40-18.1-20, and in an appeal or postconviction
12 matter seeking relief from a conviction resulting from violation of a municipal
13 ordinance. A defendant requesting representation by counsel at public expense, or for
14 whom counsel provided at public expense without a request is considered appropriate
15 by the court, shall submit an application for indigent defense services. For an
16 application for indigent defense services in the district court, a nonrefundable
17 application fee of thirty-five dollars must be paid at the time the application is
18 submitted. The district court may extend the time for payment of the fee or may waive
19 or reduce the fee if the court determines the defendant is financially unable to pay all
20 or part of the fee. If the application fee is not paid before disposition of the case, the
21 fee amount must be added to the amount to be reimbursed under this section.
22 Application fees collected under this subsection must be forwarded for deposit in the
23 indigent defense administration fund established under subsection 4.

24 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 40-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
25 follows:

26 **40-18.1-01. Establishment of a municipal court.**

- 27 1. The governing body of a city may, by ordinance or resolution, establish a municipal
28 court which is a part of the unified judicial system of this state. The supreme court may
29 supervise and sanction municipal courts and municipal court judges. A staff attorney
30 with the state court administrator's office may advise a municipal court judge and clerk
31 on an administrative and procedural court issue.

- 1 2. The governing body shall, by ordinance, provide for the election of at least one
2 full-time or part-time judge.
- 3 3. A city that establishes a municipal court shall provide:
- 4 a. Facilities for the use of the municipal court to conduct trials, hearings, and other
5 necessary duties; and
- 6 b. Necessary supplies and technology and sufficient clerical and nonjudicial support
7 personnel to assist the municipal judge.
- 8 4. Municipal court must be held at the time and place designated by the municipal judge.
9 The court schedule must be posted publicly by filing the notice with the city auditor's
10 office and posting the notice on the city's website if the city has a website.
- 11 5. Two or more cities, by resolution, may enter an agreement establishing a single joint
12 municipal court. A copy of the agreement must be filed with the state court
13 administrator. The agreement must include the name of the joint municipal court. As
14 used in this chapter, "municipal court" includes a joint municipal court.
- 15 6. Two or more cities, by resolution, may enter an agreement to provide jointly for
16 courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies, and staff for municipal courts and agree
17 to elect judges without establishing a joint municipal court. A copy of the agreement
18 must be filed with the state court administrator. If municipal courts share facilities and
19 resources in this manner, the identities of the individual courts must be expressed in
20 the case caption.
- 21 7. An agreement under subsection 5 or 6 may be terminated in the manner provided in
22 the agreement. If the agreement does not include a provision for termination, the
23 agreement may be terminated by any party upon the provision of not fewer than thirty
24 days notice to the governing bodies.
- 25 8. ~~The municipal court is not a court of record~~Beginning July 1, 2026, the municipal court
26 is a court of record.

27 **40-18.1-02. Jurisdiction.**

- 28 1. The municipal court has jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine offenses against the
29 ordinances of any city served by the court.
- 30 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the municipal court does not have
31 jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine:

- 1 a. An offense that would be a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance,
2 if the individual charged with the offense has twice previously been convicted of a
3 violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the seven years
4 preceding the commission of the offense charged or if the individual charged with
5 the offense has three times previously been convicted of a violation of section
6 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance within the fifteen years preceding the
7 commission of the offense charged. If the offense is charged in the municipal
8 court and the municipal judge has notice of a violation of section 39-08-01 or
9 equivalent ordinance twice within the seven years, or three times within the
10 fifteen years, preceding the commission of the offense charged, the municipal
11 judge shall dismiss the charge, without prejudice, and refer the matter to the
12 state's attorney of the county in which the municipal court is located.
- 13 b. An offense that would be a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance if
14 the judge is not licensed to practice law in this state.
- 15 c. A domestic violence offense.
- 16 d. A criminal offense, including criminal traffic offenses, against a juvenile, except a
17 municipal court may hear, try, and determine noncriminal offenses against a
18 juvenile if the juvenile is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile
19 court under chapter 27-20.2.

20 **40-18.1-03. Fitness to proceed.**

- 21 1. If reason to doubt a defendant's fitness to proceed exists, as defined under section
22 12.1-04-04, the case must be:
- 23 a. Transferred to the district court for evaluation; or
24 b. Dismissed on motion by the prosecutor.
- 25 2. The district court shall order the defendant to undergo a fitness to proceed evaluation
26 under chapter 12.1-04. If the defendant is found fit to proceed, the case must be
27 remanded to the municipal court for further proceedings.
- 28 3. The time to petition to transfer the matter to district court under section 40-18.1-18 is
29 suspended pending determination of the defendant's fitness to proceed.
- 30 4. If the defendant is found to lack fitness to proceed, the case must be dismissed.

1 5. In proceedings under this section, the city shall provide a prosecuting attorney and, in
2 the case of an indigent defendant, a defense attorney. The city may contract with the
3 county, state, or any person for the prosecution or defense services.

4 **40-18.1-04. Criminal responsibility.**

5 1. A case in which the defendant's criminal responsibility at the time of the crime is in
6 question may be transferred to the district court for evaluation upon written request by
7 the defendant. The defendant shall initiate the request within twenty-eight days after
8 arraignment and the district court shall order the defendant to undergo a criminal
9 responsibility evaluation under chapter 12.1-04.1.

10 2. Following the evaluation, if the defendant asserts the defense of lack of criminal
11 responsibility, the case must remain in district court for trial. If the defendant does not
12 assert the defense of lack of criminal responsibility, the district court shall remand the
13 case to the municipal court for further proceedings.

14 3. In proceedings under this section, the city shall provide a prosecuting attorney and, in
15 the case of an indigent defendant, a defense attorney. The city may contract with the
16 county, state, or any person for the prosecution or defense services.

17 **40-18.1-05. Election of municipal judge - Qualifications.**

18 1. A municipal judge must be elected to serve a term of four years and may not hold any
19 other office in the city in which the municipal judge serves as a judge. The city auditor
20 shall notify the state court administrator of the election or appointment of a municipal
21 judge or alternate municipal judge.

22 2. Except when prohibited by home rule charter or ordinance, the municipal judge may
23 be a part-time judge and may serve as a municipal judge in more than one city.

24 3. A municipal judge in a city with a population of five thousand or more must be licensed
25 to practice law in this state and must be a resident of the city unless the city, by
26 ordinance or resolution, provides the municipal judge is not required to be a resident of
27 the city.

28 4. The municipal judge in a city with a population of fewer than five thousand is not
29 required to be licensed to practice law in this state and is not required to be a resident
30 of the city.

31 5. The governing body of the city shall fix the compensation of the municipal judge.

1 **40-18.1-06. Demand for change of judge.**

2 A party to a proceeding pending in a municipal court may obtain a change of judge under
3 section 29-15-21. The municipal judge must be replaced in accordance with section 40-18.1-07.

4 **40-18.1-07. Vacancy in office of municipal judge - Disqualification - Temporary**
5 **absence of municipal judge.**

6 1. If a vacancy exists in the office of municipal judge by death, resignation, or otherwise,
7 the governing body of the city shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

8 2. The governing body may appoint alternate municipal judges to serve when a municipal
9 judge is unable to serve due to temporary absence, illness, disqualification, or
10 disability. The alternate judges must be compensated at a rate set by the governing
11 body.

12 3. If the alternate municipal judges also are disqualified or unavailable, the chief justice
13 may appoint a district court judge to a temporary assignment as a municipal court
14 judge for the purpose of presiding over the case.

15 **40-18.1-08. Clerk of municipal court.**

16 1. The governing body of a city with a municipal court may provide for the office of clerk
17 of the municipal court, which may include deputy clerks of municipal court. The
18 governing body of the city shall appoint the clerk and deputy clerk, with the consent of
19 the municipal judge. The governing body shall fix the salary of the municipal clerk and
20 deputy clerk.

21 2. The clerk and deputy clerk of the municipal court shall issue all process of the court,
22 administer oaths, file and preserve all papers, docket cases, set trials, and perform
23 other acts necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the court. The clerk
24 shall receive, account for, and pay on a monthly basis to the city general fund all fines
25 and forfeited bonds paid into the court.

26 **40-18.1-09. City prosecutor.**

27 1. A prosecutor licensed to practice law in this state must be present for all contested
28 hearings and proceedings involving a class B misdemeanor in a municipal court.

29 2. The city shall pay the compensation of the prosecutor and any necessary expenses
30 incurred in prosecuting a violation of a city ordinance.

1 **40-18.1-10. Change of venue - Reliable electronic means.**

2 1. A municipal judge shall consider the following factors when determining whether to
3 change the venue of a proceeding under this chapter:

4 a. Convenience to the parties and witnesses.

5 b. Judicial efficiency.

6 c. Available facilities.

7 d. Administration of justice.

8 2. A municipal judge may not change the venue of a proceeding if a party to the
9 proceeding objects to the change.

10 3. A municipal judge may use contemporaneous audio or audiovisual transmission by
11 reliable electronic means in accordance with rule 52 of the North Dakota Supreme
12 Court Administrative Rules. A municipal judge who presides over a proceeding through
13 contemporaneous audio or audiovisual transmission by reliable electronic means is
14 equivalent to a municipal judge who is physically present at the proceeding.

15 **40-18.1-11. Costs and fees.**

16 1. A municipal court:

17 a. May not assess costs or fees against any individual except as specifically
18 provided in this chapter.

19 b. May assess a fee under subsection 2 of section 40-05-06.

20 c. May assess a court administration fee and a community service supervision fee
21 in an amount not to exceed the amounts allowed under section 29-26-22.

22 ~~e.d.~~ Shall assess the crime victim and witness program fee under section 27-01-10.

23 2. The judgment must itemize the fines and fees assessed.

24 **40-18.1-12. Action for violation of ordinance in corporate name - Previous**
25 **prosecution, recovery, or acquittal no defense.**

26 An action brought to recover a fine, enforce a penalty, or punish a violation of a city
27 ordinance must be brought in the corporate name of the city as plaintiff. A prosecution, recovery,
28 or acquittal for the violation of a city ordinance may not constitute a defense to any other
29 prosecution of the same individual for any other violation of the ordinance, notwithstanding that
30 the different claims for relief existed at the time of the previous prosecution and if united, would
31 not have exceeded the jurisdiction of the court.

1 **40-18.1-13. Summons to issue on violation of ordinance - When warrant of arrest to**
2 **issue.**

3 An action for a violation of an ordinance is initiated by a uniform complaint under section
4 29-05-31 or a complaint in compliance with the North Dakota Rules of Criminal Procedure. If
5 there is probable cause to believe a criminal offense has been committed by the individual
6 charged, an arrest warrant must be issued, except a municipal judge may issue a summons
7 instead of an arrest warrant if the municipal judge has reason to believe the individual charged
8 will appear in response to the summons. An individual arrested under a warrant must be taken
9 without unnecessary delay before the municipal judge to be tried for the alleged offense.

10 **40-18.1-14. Commitment for nonpayment of fines or costs.**

11 Any individual upon whom any fine or costs, or both, has been imposed for violation of a
12 municipal ordinance may, after hearing, be committed upon order of the court to jail or other
13 place provided by the municipality for the incarceration of offenders until the fine or costs, or
14 both, are fully paid. The court may not commit an individual under this section when the reason
15 for the individual's nonpayment of fines or costs is the individual's indigency. A commitment
16 order issued under this section may not exceed thirty days. As used in this section, "fine" does
17 not include a fee established under subsection 2 of section 40-05-06.

18 **40-18.1-15. Fines, fees, and forfeitures for violation of ordinances paid into city**
19 **general fund.**

20 All fines, fees, penalties, and forfeitures collected for a violation of a city ordinance,
21 including those collected as a result of a judgment of a district court rendered under section
22 40-18.1-18, must be paid into the city's general fund.

23 **40-18.1-16. Diagnosis and treatment of individuals convicted of driving while under**
24 **the influence.**

25 If an individual is convicted under an ordinance equivalent to an offense under section
26 39-08-01, the court shall sentence the defendant in accordance with that section.

27 **40-18.1-17. Sentencing alternatives - Suspension of sentence or imposition of**
28 **sentence.**

29 Subject to section 40-05-06, a municipal judge may use the sentencing alternatives
30 provided under section 12.1-32-02 and may suspend any sentence the judge imposes or defer
31 the imposition of any sentence due to the good behavior of an individual adjudged to have

1 committed an offense, or for other reasonable cause, under subsection 3 or 4 of section
2 12.1-32-02, except a municipal judge may not suspend a sentence or the imposition of
3 sentence for driving a motor vehicle in violation of an operator's license suspension, revocation,
4 or restriction or for a violation of section 39-08-01 or equivalent ordinance if the suspension of
5 sentence or suspension of the imposition of sentence is prohibited under section 39-06-17 or
6 39-06-42 or chapter 39-08.

7 **40-18.1-18. Transfer to district court - Expenses of prosecution - Division of funds**
8 **and expenses among city, county, and state.**

- 9 1. A defendant may request in writing to transfer the case to district court and to exercise
10 the defendant's right to a jury trial within twenty-eight days after arraignment. If the
11 request is filed within twenty-eight days after the arraignment, the judge shall grant the
12 request.
- 13 2. If the defendant waives a jury trial after a transfer to district court, the district court
14 shall remand the matter to the municipal court for disposition and sentencing if the
15 parties agree to a remand.
- 16 3. Unless remanded to the municipal court by agreement of the parties, the district court
17 retains jurisdiction for sentencing and enforcement.
- 18 4. The city shall provide a prosecuting attorney and, in the case of an indigent defendant,
19 a defense attorney. The city may contract with the county, state, or any person for the
20 prosecution or defense services.
- 21 5. The city, county, and state may agree to a division of any fees, fines, costs, forfeitures,
22 and any other monetary consideration collected from cases transferred under this
23 section, which must be paid to the city general fund and the county treasury and the
24 state general fund at least once each quarter. At the time of payment, the clerk of
25 district court shall account under oath to the city auditor, county treasurer, and state
26 treasurer for all money collected. In the contract, the city, county, and state may agree
27 to a division of expenses, including jury and witness expenses, related to cases
28 transferred under this section. In the absence of a contract, all fees, fines, costs,
29 forfeitures, and any other monetary consideration collected from transferred cases
30 must be deposited in the state general fund.

1 **40-18.1-19. Appeals from determinations of municipal judge not in courts of record.**

- 2 1. AnFor a case filed before July 1, 2026, an appeal may be taken to the district court
3 from a judgment of conviction or order deferring imposition of sentence in a municipal
4 court in accordance with the North Dakota Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 5 2. An appeal is perfected by notice of appeal. A perfected appeal to the district court
6 transfers the action to the district court for trial anew. Failure to remove the case under
7 section 40-18.1-18 constitutes waiver of jury trial on appeal.
- 8 3. On all appeals from a determination in a municipal court, the district court shall take
9 judicial notice of all of the ordinances of the city.
- 10 4. A filing fee may not be required in district court for the filing of an appeal from a
11 judgment of conviction for the violation of a city ordinance.
- 12 5. Expenses necessary for the adequate defense of an indigent individual in an appeal to
13 the district court from a judgment of conviction for the violation of a municipal
14 ordinance, as approved by the presiding district judge, must be paid by the city where
15 the alleged offense took place.
- 16 6. Unless remanded to the municipal court by agreement of the parties, the district court
17 retains jurisdiction for sentencing and enforcement.

18 **40-18.1-20. Appeals from determinations of municipal judge in courts of record.**

- 19 1. For a case filed on or after July 1, 2026, an appeal may be taken to the district court
20 from a judgment of conviction or order deferring imposition of sentence in a municipal
21 court in accordance with the North Dakota Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- 22 2. An appeal from a municipal court of record must originate from the file, record,
23 recording, transcript, or evidence from the municipal court.
- 24 3. The district court may affirm, reverse, or amend any appeal order or judgment and
25 may direct the proper order or judgment be entered or direct a new trial or further
26 proceeding be had in the court from which the appeal was taken.

27 **40-18.1-2040-18.1-21. Municipal judge may enforce orders and judgments and punish**
28 **for contempt.**

29 A municipal judge may enforce compliance with the court's orders and judgments. The
30 judge may fine or imprison for contempt committed in the judge's presence while holding court,
31 as well as for contempt of process issued, and of orders and judgments made by the judge. If

1 an act or omission constituting a contempt in a municipal court is not committed in the presence
2 of the municipal judge, an affidavit alleging the facts may be filed and a warrant of arrest may be
3 issued on which the individual accused may be arrested and brought before the municipal judge
4 immediately. The individual must be given a reasonable opportunity to employ counsel and
5 defend against the alleged contempt. After hearing the allegations and proof, the municipal
6 judge may discharge the individual or adjudge the individual guilty and may punish by fine,
7 imprisonment, or both. The fine in any case may not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars
8 and the imprisonment may not exceed thirty days.

9 **40-18.1-2140-18.1-22. Judgment for fines, fees, or costs - Procedure.**

- 10 1. If the judgment imposes a fine or assesses a fee, the municipal judge may order a
11 certified copy of the judgment be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of
12 any county in the state. The clerk of district court shall treat the municipal court
13 judgment in the same manner as a civil judgment of any district court of any county of
14 the state.
- 15 2. At the time of filing the judgment with the office of the clerk of district court, the
16 municipal court judge shall order an affidavit providing the name and last-known
17 mailing address of the defendant and otherwise complying with section 28-20-15 be
18 filed.
- 19 3. Upon the filing of the judgment and affidavit, the clerk of municipal court shall mail
20 notice of the filing of the municipal judgment to the defendant at the defendant's last-
21 known address and file proof of mailing with the district court. The notice must include
22 the name and mailing address of the municipal court.
- 23 4. An execution of other process for enforcement of a municipal court judgment filed
24 under this section may not be issued until ten days after the date the judgment is filed.
- 25 5. If the defendant shows the district court of any county that an appeal from the
26 judgment is pending or will be taken, the court shall stay enforcement of the municipal
27 court judgment until the appeal is concluded or the time for appeal expires.
- 28 6. The municipal judge shall order the defendant to pay a filing fee of ten dollars to the
29 clerk of district court.

1 7. Upon filing of the judgment with the district court in accordance with this chapter, the
2 judgment is enforceable by the city only in the same manner as provided for a
3 judgment for money in a civil action.

4 **40-18.1-2240-18.1-23. Transfer of municipal ordinance cases to district court.**

5 With the agreement of the state court administrator, the governing body of a city may, by
6 ordinance, transfer some or all of the cases of the municipal court to the district court serving
7 the county in which the city is located without abolishing the municipal court. Cases transferred
8 under this section are deemed district court cases for purposes of appeal. The agreement must
9 provide the city is responsible for providing for the prosecution of the cases and for providing a
10 defense attorney in cases involving an indigent defendant.

11 **40-18.1-2340-18.1-24. Abolition of municipal court in a city with a population of fewer**
12 **than five thousand.**

- 13 1. The governing body of a city with a population of fewer than five thousand having a
14 municipal court may by resolution abolish its municipal court. The jurisdiction of a
15 municipal court abolished by resolution must be transferred to the district court of the
16 district in which the city is located.
- 17 2. The city auditor shall provide a copy of the resolution abolishing the court to the
18 presiding judge and clerk of court of the district court for the district in which the city is
19 located, the state's attorney for the county in which the city is located, and the state
20 court administrator. The resolution must provide the effective date of the transfer of
21 cases, which must be at least ninety days following the date of the resolution.
- 22 3. At least ten days before the effective date of the transfer, the clerk of the municipal
23 court shall deliver to the clerk of the district court all cases pending action by the
24 district court after the effective date of the resolution.
- 25 4. On the effective date of transfer, all proceedings relating to ordinance violations must
26 be within the jurisdiction of the district court. Judgments of courts which cease to exist
27 on the effective date of the resolution continue in effect and the district court may
28 enforce the judgments. Fines, forfeitures, and costs due and unpaid on the effective
29 date of the transfer and those which are subsequently collected on cases pending on
30 the effective date of the transfer must be collected by the district court and remitted to
31 the city.

1 5. The authority, duties, powers, jurisdiction, and term of the municipal judge terminates
2 on the last day of the month in which all municipal cases have been transferred to the
3 district court or the expiration of the judge's term, whichever occurs first.

4 **40-18.1-2440-18.1-25. Abolition of municipal court in a city with a population of five**
5 **thousand or more.**

6 1. The governing body of a city with a population of five thousand or more having a
7 municipal court may by resolution abolish its municipal court if the city has entered an
8 agreement with:

9 a. The governing body of the county in which the municipal court is located;

10 b. The presiding judge of the district in which the municipal court is located; and

11 c. The state court administrator's office.

12 2. The agreement must provide for an effective date of the transfer of the municipal court
13 cases to the district court not fewer than one hundred eighty days after the date of the
14 agreement unless otherwise agreed upon.

15 3. At least ten days before the effective date of the transfer, the clerk of the municipal
16 court shall deliver to the clerk of the district court all cases pending action by the
17 district court after the effective date of the transfer.

18 4. On the effective date of the transfer, all proceedings relating to ordinance violations
19 must be within the jurisdiction of the district court. Judgments of courts which cease to
20 exist on the effective date of the agreement continue in effect and the district court
21 may enforce the judgments. Fines, forfeitures, and costs due and unpaid on the
22 effective date of the transfer and those which are subsequently collected on cases
23 pending on the effective date must be collected by the district court and remitted to the
24 city.

25 5. The authority, duties, powers, jurisdiction, and term of the municipal judge terminates
26 on the last day of the month in which all municipal cases have been transferred to the
27 district court or the expiration of the judge's term, whichever occurs first.

28 **40-18.1-2540-18.1-26. Compliance with rules adopted by the supreme court.**

29 1. The supreme court shall adopt rules governing:

30 a. Municipal court procedure;

- 1 b. Qualifications, ~~ethical standards~~judicial conduct, and education of municipal
2 judges;
- 3 c. Qualification and education of municipal clerks;
- 4 d. Requirements of municipal court facilities; and
- 5 e. Records to be maintained and reports to be filed by the municipal court.
- 6 2. Each municipal judge and alternate judge shall comply with the rules established by
7 the supreme court. The city shall reimburse the judge for necessary travel expenses,
8 meals, and lodging relating to compliance with the rules regarding qualifications,
9 ~~ethical standards~~judicial conduct, and education in the same manner as other city
10 officials are reimbursed.
- 11 3. If a municipal judge or alternate municipal judge fails to fulfill the requirements of the
12 rules established by the supreme court, the judicial conduct commission may order the
13 municipal judge not preside over municipal court proceedings.

14 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Sections 40-11-10, 40-11-11, 40-11-12, and 40-11-13 and chapter
15 40-18 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.