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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1368

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Kasper, Louser

Senators Clemens, Cory, Lemm, Magrum, Myrdal, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to voiding and amending administrative rules by the administrative rules committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 28-32-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **28-32-18. Administrative rules committee may void rule - Grounds - Amendment by**  
7 **agreement of agency and committee.**

8 1. The legislative management's administrative rules committee may find that all or any  
9 portion of a rule is void if ~~that:~~

10 ~~a. The rule is initially considered by the committee not later than the fifteenth day of~~  
11 ~~the month before the date of the administrative code supplement in which the~~  
12 ~~rule change is scheduled to appear. The administrative rules committee may find~~  
13 ~~a rule or portion of a rule void if the and a representative of the agency appears~~  
14 ~~before the administrative rules committee when the rules are scheduled for~~  
15 ~~committee consideration; and~~

16 ~~b. The committee makes the specific finding that, with regard to that rule or portion~~  
17 ~~of a rule, there is:~~

18 a. ~~(1)~~ An absence of statutory authority.

19 b. ~~(2)~~ An emergency relating to public health, safety, or welfare.

- 1 c. ~~(3)~~—A failure to comply with express legislative intent or to substantially meet  
2 the procedural requirements of this chapter for adoption of the rule.
- 3 d. ~~(4)~~—A conflict with state law.
- 4 e. ~~(5)~~—Arbitrariness ~~and~~or capriciousness.
- 5 f. ~~(6)~~—A failure to make a written record of its consideration of written and oral  
6 submissions respecting the rule under section 28-32-11.
- 7 ~~(7)~~g. An absence of necessity.
- 8 ~~(8)~~h. An absence of reasonableness.
- 9 2. The administrative rules committee may ~~find a rule void at the meeting at which the~~  
10 ~~rule is initially considered by the committee or may hold consideration of that~~a rule for  
11 one subsequent meeting.
- 12 3. If no representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee  
13 when:
- 14 a. When rules are scheduled for committee consideration, ~~thosethese~~the rules are held  
15 over for consideration at the next subsequent committee meeting. ~~Rules are not~~  
16 ~~considered initially considered by the committee under this subsection until a~~  
17 ~~representative of the agency appears before the administrative rules committee~~  
18 ~~when the rules are scheduled for committee consideration. If no representative of~~  
19 ~~the agency appears before the administrative rules committee meeting~~
- 20 b. Meeting to which rules are held over for consideration, ~~the~~:
- 21 (1) The rules are void if the rules were adopted as emergency rules ~~and for~~  
22 ~~rules not adopted as emergency rules the~~; or
- 23 (2) The administrative rules committee may void the rules, allow the rules to  
24 become effective, or hold over consideration of the rules to the next  
25 subsequent committee meeting.
- 26 4. Within three business days after the administrative rules committee finds that a rule is  
27 void, the legislative council shall provide written notice of that finding and the  
28 committee's specific finding under ~~subdivisions a through f~~subdivision b of  
29 subsection 1 to the adopting agency and to the chairman of the legislative  
30 management.

- 1        5. Within fourteen days after receipt of the notice, the adopting agency may file a petition  
2            with the chairman of the legislative management for review by the legislative  
3            management of the decision of the administrative rules committee. If the adopting  
4            agency does not file a petition for review, the rule becomes void on the fifteenth day  
5            after the notice from the legislative council to the adopting agency. If within sixty days  
6            after receipt of the petition from the adopting agency the legislative management has  
7            not disapproved by motion the finding of the administrative rules committee, the rule is  
8            void.
- 9        ~~3.6.~~ An agency~~The committee~~ may amend or repeal a rule or create a related rule if, after  
10           consideration of rules by the administrative rules committee, the representative from  
11           the agency and committee agree that the rule amendment, repeal, or creation is  
12           ~~necessary to address any of the considerations under subsection 4~~reasonable.
- 13        7. A rule amended, repealed, or created under ~~this subsection is~~subsection 6:
- 14           a. Is not subject to the other requirements of this chapter relating to adoption of  
15           administrative rules ~~and may.~~
- 16           b. May be published by the legislative council as amended, repealed, or created. ~~If~~  
17           ~~requested by the agency or any interested party, a rule amended, repealed, or~~  
18           ~~created under this subsection must~~
- 19           c. Must be reconsidered by the administrative rules committee at a subsequent  
20           meeting at which public comment on the agreed rule change must be allowed, if  
21           requested by the agency or an interested party.