

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-03-02 and 54-35-16 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to periodically reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly; and to  
3 provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

8 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of  
9 December following the election of ~~the~~its members ~~thereof~~ for organizational and  
10 orientation purposes and shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until the time provided in  
11 subsection 2.

12 2. a. The legislative assembly shall reconvene at twelve noon on the first  
13 ~~Tuesday~~Friday after the third day in January of the year following the  
14 organizational session ~~as provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date~~  
15 ~~selected by the legislative management but not earlier than January second nor~~  
16 ~~later than January eleventh of the year following the organizational session and,~~  
17 following the close of business of the ~~regular session~~following Sunday, shall  
18 ~~adjourn~~recess subject to subdivision b and subsection 3.

19 b. The legislative assembly shall reconvene, as determined by legislative  
20 management, for:

21 (1) Three consecutive natural days each month except for December, on a  
22 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; and

23 (2) In addition to the natural days reconvened under paragraph 1, up to seven  
24 consecutive natural days each year.

1           3.   Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene  
2           as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may  
3           not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not  
4           been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under  
5           subsection 2.

6           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **54-35-16. Authority to determine if legislative assembly meets.**

9           The legislative management may issue a call for the legislative assembly to convene under  
10 subsection 3 of section 54-03-02 after ~~the legislative assembly~~ has adjourned under  
11 subsection 2 of section 54-03-02. The length of a legislative session called under this section  
12 may not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not  
13 been used by that legislative assembly. The legislative management may exercise this authority,  
14 and the legislative assembly shall meet, regardless of whether the motion to close the regular  
15 session of the legislative assembly was to recess to a time certain, adjourn to a time certain, or  
16 adjourn sine die.

17          **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2027.