

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Klemin, Dobervich, McLeod, Murphy, O'Brien

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the creation of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission; ~~and~~ to provide for a
3 legislative management report; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 54 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
6 enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota Ireland trade commission - Membership.**

8 1. The North Dakota Ireland trade ~~commissions~~commission shall:

- 9 a. Advance bilateral trade and investment between the state and Ireland;
10 b. Initiate joint action on issues of mutual interest to the state and Ireland;
11 c. Promote business and academic exchanges between the state and Ireland;
12 d. Encourage mutual economic support between the state and Ireland;
13 e. Encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of the state and Ireland; and
14 f. Address any other issues deemed to be of mutual benefit to the state and
15 Ireland.

16 2. The North Dakota Ireland trade commission consists of:

- 17 a. Two members of the senate, appointed by the ~~president pro tempore~~majority
18 leader of the senate;
19 b. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the ~~speaker~~majority
20 leader of the house;

- 1 c. The executive director of the North Dakota trade office;
- 2 d. An individual knowledgeable of and interested in the promotion of international
- 3 trade, appointed by the executive director of the North Dakota trade office; and
- 4 e. The agriculture commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.
- 5 3. Each appointed member shall serve for a term of two years. If a position becomes
- 6 vacant, the position must be filled for the duration of the term in the same manner as
- 7 the original appointment.
- 8 4. At the initial meeting of the commission and annually thereafter, the members shall
- 9 select one from among the four appointed legislators to serve as the chair.

10 **Administration - Meetings - Reimbursement.**

- 11 1. The North Dakota trade office shall provide administrative services to the North
- 12 Dakota Ireland trade commission and compensation under subsection 3.
- 13 2. The commission shall meet two to four times per year, as deemed necessary by the
- 14 chair, at the call of the chair.
- 15 3. Each member of the North Dakota Ireland trade commission may be reimbursed upon
- 16 request for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties at
- 17 the rate provided for members of the legislative assembly under subsection 1 of
- 18 section 54-03-20.

19 **Report to legislative management.**

20 On or before September first of each year, the North Dakota Ireland trade commission shall
21 provide a report to the legislative management. The report must include:

- 22 1. A description of the commission's work;
- 23 2. A description of benefits to the state, and to sectors involved in international trade,
- 24 attributable to the commission's efforts;
- 25 3. Recommendations for legislation that would support trade between the state and
- 26 Ireland; and
- 27 4. A summary of anticipated commission activities in the following year.

28 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2029, and after that
29 date is ineffective.