

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to limitations on the introduction of legislative bills prepared by executive
3 branch agencies and the judicial branch.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Introduction of bills prepared by executive branch agencies and judicial branch -**
8 **Determination by the legislative management.**

- 9 1. As used in this section, "substantial policy change" means an alteration or modification
10 to a statute which renders the statute significantly different or transformed.
11 2. On or before November first of each even-numbered year, each executive agency and
12 the supreme court may file with the legislative council any bill draft the agency desires
13 to introduce during the regular legislative session. A bill draft filed under this section
14 may not provide for an appropriation.
15 3. Upon receipt of a bill draft under subsection 2, the legislative council shall forward the
16 bill draft to the chairman of the legislative management.
17 4. On or before November twentieth of each even-numbered year, the chairman of the
18 legislative management shall call a meeting of the legislative management to review
19 each bill draft filed by an executive agency or the supreme court to determine whether
20 the bill draft contains a substantial policy change.
21 5. A bill is deemed introduced by the legislative management unless a majority of the
22 members present and voting determine the bill draft contains a substantial policy
23 change.