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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1387

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Berg, Dockter, Jonas, Meier, Novak, M. Ruby

Senator Rummel

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to school closures on election days if schools are used as polling places.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-02. School holidays.**

7 1. Schools may not be in session on the following ~~holidays~~days:

8 a. Any Sunday.

9 b. New Year's Day, the first day of January.

10 c. Good Friday, the Friday preceding Easter Sunday.

11 d. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

12 e. The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the fourth day of July.

13 f. Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

14 g. Veteran's Day, the eleventh day of November.

15 h. Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.

16 i. Christmas Day, the twenty-fifth day of December.

17 j. Any day declared to be a public holiday by the President of the United States or
18 the governor.

19 ~~k. Any day a national, statewide, or local election is held if the school is used as a~~
20 ~~polling place on that day during regular school hours.~~

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- 1 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, if the first day of January, the fourth
2 day of July, the eleventh day of November, or the twenty-fifth day of December is a
3 Sunday, the school district shall observe the holiday on the following Monday.
- 4 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, if the eleventh day of November is a
5 Saturday, the school district shall observe the holiday on the preceding Friday.
- 6 4. The board of a school district ~~may direct that classes not be held on~~ shall cancel
7 classes or separate students to ensure there is no opportunity for student contact with
8 voters on the day of a national, statewide, or local election if the school is used as a
9 polling place on that day during regular school hours.