

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1397
(Representatives Porter, Holle, Martinson, Rohr, Toman)
(Senator Schaible)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-02 and a new section to chapter 54-54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the designation of the state waltz and state troubadour; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

State waltz.

"Dancing Dakota", written and composed by Chuck Suchy, is the North Dakota state waltz.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-54 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

State troubadour.

The chairman of the North Dakota council on the arts shall designate an individual to serve as the official state troubadour or trobairitz for a term of five years. The chairman may fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION. An official state troubadour must be appointed under section 2 of this Act at the conclusion of any term of the inaugural troubadour appointed by resolution by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1397.

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 3 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State