

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1405

Introduced by

Representatives VanWinkle, Bahl, Brandenburg, Dockter, D. Johnston, Morton, Grindberg,
Henderson, Hauck

Senators Enget, Paulson, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 28-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to service of summons and time limitations for serving an answer to a
3 claim.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 28-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Service of summons - Answer - Time limitation.**

- 8 1. A summons in a civil action served on an individual within the state must include a
9 reference to a legal self-help program administered by the supreme court.
10 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a defendant shall serve an answer to the
11 complaint or to a cross-claim, or a reply to a counterclaim, within thirty days after
12 service upon the pleading in which the claim is asserted.