

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1554
(Representatives D. Anderson, Headland, O'Brien, Schauer, Vollmer, Novak)
(Senators Dwyer, Thomas)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-17.8-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota outdoor heritage advisory board; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17.8-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-17.8-06. North Dakota outdoor heritage advisory board - Members.

1. There is created a North Dakota outdoor heritage advisory board consisting of twelve members. The governor shall appoint representatives from each of the groups listed in this section based upon recommendations made by the appropriate group. The advisory board consists of:
 - a. Four members from the agriculture community. The governor shall appoint one member from the North Dakota farm bureau, North Dakota farmers union, the North Dakota stockmen's association, and the North Dakota grain growers association.
 - b. Two members from the energy industry. The governor shall appoint one member from the North Dakota petroleum council and one member from the lignite energy council.
 - c. Four members from the conservation community. The governor shall appoint the members from the conservation community at large of statewide conservation groups.
 - d. One member from the business community from the greater North Dakota chamber.
 - e. One member from the North Dakota recreation and park association.
2. The governor also shall appoint to the advisory board one representative from each of the following agencies to serve as ex officio, nonvoting technical members: the department of parks and recreation, the department of water resources, the game and fish department, the office of the state forester, and the North Dakota association of soil conservation districts.
3. The term of office of each member of the board is four years and members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The terms of office commence on the first day of July. The initial terms for the advisory board members must be staggered following a method determined by the board.
4. The advisory board shall select a chairman from among the members. Seven voting members is a quorum at any meeting.
5. The advisory board shall have at least two regular meetings each year and additional meetings as the chairman determines necessary at a time and place to be fixed by the chairman. Special meetings must be called by the chairman on written request of any five members.
6. The advisory board may not forward a grant application to the commission unless the application is for funding activities that fulfill the purposes of this chapter and the application

receives a favorable recommendation from a majority of the advisory board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

7. Members of the advisory board appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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. 1554 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 3 Absent 1

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

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