

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2230

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Hogue, Meyer

Representatives McLeod, Rohr

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the secretary of state's duty to distribute educational and informational
3 materials before an election; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Secretary of state to distribute information to qualified electors regarding ballot**
8 **measures.**

- 9 1. For each constitutional measure approved by the legislative assembly, initiated
10 measure, or referendum appearing on the ballot of a special, primary, or general
11 election, the secretary of state shall create and distribute objective and factual
12 educational materials to each individual listed as "~~secured~~-active" in the central voter
13 file not less than ~~thirty-five~~forty-five days before the election at which the question will
14 be voted upon.
- 15 2. The materials created and distributed under subsection 1 must contain:
- 16 a. An objective summary of the measure;
- 17 b. The anticipated fiscal impact of the measure;
- 18 c. Whether the measure was approved by the legislative assembly or originated as
19 an initiative or referred petition; and
- 20 d. An objective analysis of a vote in favor and a vote opposed.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - BALLOT MEASURE**

2 **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
3 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~ \$600,000, or so much of the
4 sum as may be necessary, to the secretary of state for the purpose of creating and distributing
5 objective and factual educational materials relating to measures placed on a statewide election
6 ballot as provided in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
7 June 30, 2027.