

TOWNSHIPS

CHAPTER 580

SENATE BILL NO. 2466
(Morgan, Thane)

OPTIONAL ELECTION OF TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 58-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to township officers and providing an option to not elect a township assessor, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 58-05-02 of the 1969 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

58-05-02. OFFICERS OF A TOWNSHIP - TERMS OF OFFICE.) The elected officers of a civil township shall be:

1. Three supervisors;
2. One township clerk;
3. One assessor except as herein provided;
4. One treasurer; and
5. Two constables.

One supervisor shall be elected at each annual township meeting and shall hold his office for a term of three years. The other elective officers shall be elected every two years and shall hold their respective offices for a term of two years. Each officer shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. The same person may hold the offices of township clerk and treasurer if a majority of the electors present vote in favor of the merging of such offices at the annual township meeting. The person elected to fill the merged office shall perform all of the duties required of both the township clerk and treasurer except as otherwise specifically provided by law. If a majority of the electors present and voting at an annual township meeting vote in favor of abolishing the office of assessor, such office shall thereby be abolished. If the office of assessor is abolished, the township clerk shall within five days of such election certify that result to the county auditor and to the county director of tax equalization. The county director of tax equalization, or county assessor shall then succeed to all of the powers and duties of the assessor that pertain to the assessment of property for taxation purposes.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.) This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 10, 1971