

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2243**

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Kinnoin, Lyson

Representatives Glassheim, Nottestad, L. Thoreson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-19 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to recording the drafter of an instrument affecting real property.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 47-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Instrument to include name and address of drafter.** The register of deeds may not  
7 record an instrument containing a metes and bounds legal description which affects the title to  
8 or possession of real property that otherwise may be recorded under this chapter unless the  
9 name and address of the individual who drafted the instrument appears on the record in a  
10 legible manner. An instrument complies with this section if it contains a statement in the  
11 following form: "This instrument was drafted by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ (address)." This section does not apply to any instrument executed before  
13 January 1, 2000; a decree, order, judgment, or writ of any court; a will or instrument issued by a  
14 governmental entity; or any instrument executed or acknowledged outside the state. The  
15 validity and effect of the record of any instrument in a register of deeds' office may not be  
16 lessened or impaired by the fact the instrument does not contain the statement required by this  
17 section.