

**SENATE BILL NO. 2262**

Introduced by

Senator Bowman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-05-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the residency requirements of district judges.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-08 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **27-05-08. Chambers - Residence.**

- 7 1. The locations of the chambers of the district judges in each of the respective  
8 districts shall be as determined by rule of the supreme court. However, not more  
9 than seventy percent of the chambers of the district judges may be located in cities  
10 with a population of more than ten thousand.
- 11 2. Each district judge shall reside within the district where the judge's chambers are  
12 located, and, for the purposes of this section, the chief justice of the supreme court  
13 shall designate the respective chambers within the district to which each district  
14 judge is assigned.
- 15 3. In addition to the chamber and residency requirements of subsections 1 and 2, at  
16 least one district judge in each judicial district must reside in and have a chamber  
17 located in a county with a county seat that has a population of not more than ten  
18 thousand.