

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the agenda of the organizational session.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03.1-03. Agenda.** The agenda of the organizational session must include, ~~but is not~~
7 ~~limited to,~~ the following:

- 8 1. Orientation classes upon legislative rules and procedure for new legislators;
- 9 2. Presentation of reports by legislative interim ~~boards or~~ committees or
10 commissions;
- 11 3. Party caucuses to ~~determine which party has a majority in each house of the~~
12 ~~legislative assembly and thereafter proceed to select party nominees for officers of~~
13 ~~each body~~ review proposed legislative rules and committee assignments, as
14 appropriate;
- 15 4. Appointment of employment procedural committees ~~to process applications for~~
16 ~~positions of employment with the legislative assembly and make recommendation~~
17 ~~for hiring the selected employees~~;
- 18 5. ~~Appointment of a senate committee on committees~~;
- 19 6. ~~Each legislator shall present the legislator's committee appointment preferences to~~
20 ~~the speaker of the majority party or the chairman of the interim senate committee~~
21 ~~on committees~~;
- 22 7. ~~Presentation of the budget and revenue proposals recommended by the governor~~
23 ~~as provided in section 54-44.1-07; and~~

- 1 ~~8-~~ 6. All other similar matters, in order that the legislative assembly be fully organized
2 and ready to begin its business by the first day of the regular session.

NOTE: The proposed amendments to Section 54-03.1-03 update the section's contents, which are to be included in the agenda for the organizational session, as identified in the caption to the section.

The change to subsection 2 recognizes that there are interim commissions, e.g., the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, rather than boards. The change to subsection 3 recognizes the current practices of selecting leaders before the organizational session convenes, rather than during the organizational session. The change to subsection 4 recognizes that all procedural committees are appointed and some begin work during the organizational session, e.g., the Committees on Committees and the Rules Committees. A reference to appointment of standing committees is not included because in some cases appointments have been made when the regular session convenes in January. Subsections 5 and 6 are deleted to remove a specific reference to appointment of the Senate Committee on Committees, which is now covered by the amended subsection 4. Subsection 6 is deleted because presentation of committee preferences is not technically an agenda item and occurs before the organizational session convenes. Subsection 6 (currently subsection 8) is a generic provision, which allows any other item to be on the agenda.