

Introduced by

Representative Gulleason

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the establishment of an independent legislative redistricting  
2 commission.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Legislative redistricting commission - Membership - Duties.**

- 5 1. Within sixty days of the release of redistricting census data after each federal  
6 decennial census, the majority and minority leaders of the senate and house of  
7 representatives shall each select one individual to serve on a legislative  
8 redistricting commission. Within forty-five days after their designation, the four  
9 members of the commission shall select a fifth member of the commission. If the  
10 four members fail to select the fifth member within forty-five days, a majority of the  
11 supreme court shall select the fifth member. The members of the commission shall  
12 select from their membership a chairman who may not be an elected or appointed  
13 public officer.
- 14 2. If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the person who made the initial  
15 appointment shall designate a successor.
- 16 3. Members of the legislative redistricting commission are entitled to compensation  
17 and expense reimbursement from funds appropriated for the legislative assembly  
18 as provided for members of the legislative assembly under section 54-03-20 for  
19 attendance at commission meetings and for carrying out the official duties of the  
20 commission.
- 21 4. The legislative council shall provide staff services for the commission.
- 22 5. The commission shall submit a proposed legislative redistricting plan and a bill to  
23 implement the plan to the legislative council within ninety days after the  
24 appointment of the fifth member of the commission.

- 1           6.   Upon the filing of a redistricting plan with the legislative council, the commission is
- 2           dissolved until the appointment of a new commission pursuant to this section.
- 3           7.   The name of a member of the legislative redistricting commission may not be
- 4           printed on the ballot as a candidate for legislative office within two years after the
- 5           member has completed service on the commission.