

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2426
(Senators Trenbeath, Lyson, Traynor)
(Representatives Klemin, Kretschmar, Mahoney)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to harassment of and communication with jurors; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 12.1-09-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12.1-09-04. Harassment of and communication with jurors.

1. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if, with intent to influence the official action of another as juror, ~~he~~ that person communicates directly or indirectly with ~~him orally or by means of a sound broadcasting or transmitting device~~ the juror, other than as part of the proceedings in a case, or harasses or alarms ~~him~~ the juror. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if, with the intent to harass or annoy a former juror because of the verdict returned by the jury or the participation of the juror in the verdict, that person communicates directly or indirectly with the juror in a manner that intimidates the juror or conveys a threat of injury or damage to the juror's property or person. Conduct directed against the juror's spouse or other relative residing in the same household with the juror shall be deemed conduct directed against the juror.
2. In this section, "juror" means a grand juror or a petit juror and includes a person who has been drawn or summoned to attend as a prospective juror, and any referee, arbitrator, umpire, or assessor authorized by law to hear and determine any controversy.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2426.

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 8

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State