

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 206

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 206 is amended as follows:

**206. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE SENATE.** The following officers and employee positions are established, with the number, title, and manner of selection for each position as stated:

| Title of<br>Position | Number of<br>Positions |
|----------------------|------------------------|
|----------------------|------------------------|

**Group A**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Secretary of the Senate | 1 |
| Journal Reporter        | 1 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms        | 1 |

Persons holding Group A positions must be elected by a majority of the members-elect and the results of the vote must be recorded in the journal.

**Group B**

|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Assistant Secretary of the Senate                   | 1  |
| Chief Committee Clerk                               | 1  |
| Appropriations Committee Clerk                      | 1  |
| Bill Clerk                                          | 1  |
| Calendar Clerk                                      | 1  |
| Assistant Appropriations Committee Clerk            | 1  |
| Committee Clerks                                    | 10 |
| Chief Page and Bill Book Clerk                      | 1  |
| Assistant Committee Clerk                           | 1  |
| Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms                             | 1  |
| Legislative Assistant - Information Kiosk Attendant | 1  |
| Legislative Assistant - Desk Page                   | 1  |

Persons holding Group B positions must be appointed by the party having a majority of the members-elect, acting by and through the Employment Committee. Unless otherwise

determined by the Employment Committee, the Information Kiosk Attendant position alternates between the houses every other legislative session.

**Group C**

|                                             |   |
|---------------------------------------------|---|
| Administrative Assistant to Majority Leader | 1 |
| Staff Assistants to Majority Leader         | 2 |
| Administrative Assistant to Minority Leader | 1 |
| Staff Assistants to Minority Leader         | 2 |

The Majority and Minority Leaders shall appoint their respective administrative and staff assistants, acting by and through the Employment Committee.

Other employees must be appointed as determined necessary by the Employment Committee and must be allocated to the majority and minority parties in proportion to each party's percentage of the total number of the members-elect and each party shall appoint the persons to the positions allocated to them, acting by and through the Employment Committee. The majority party has the first right to select positions of a group until its allocation is filled.

The powers, duties, and qualifications for each officer or employee are as provided by law, these rules, and the Legislative Handbook for North Dakota Legislators and Employees.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 206 is amended as follows:

**206. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE HOUSE.** The following officers and employee positions are established, with the number, title, and manner of selection for each position as stated:

| Title of<br>Position | Number of<br>Positions |
|----------------------|------------------------|
|----------------------|------------------------|

**Group A**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Chief Clerk      | 1 |
| Journal Reporter | 1 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | 1 |

Persons holding Group A positions must be elected by a majority of the members-elect and the results of the vote must be recorded in the journal.

**Group B**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Assistant Chief Clerk          | 1 |
| Chief Committee Clerk          | 1 |
| Appropriations Committee Clerk | 1 |
| Bill Clerk                     | 1 |

|   |                                                     |    |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Calendar Clerk                                      | 1  |
| 2 | Assistant Appropriations Committee Clerks           | 3  |
| 3 | Committee Clerks                                    | 10 |
| 4 | Chief Page and Bill Book Clerk                      | 1  |
| 5 | Assistant Committee Clerk                           | 1  |
| 6 | Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms                             | 1  |
| 7 | Legislative Assistant - Information Kiosk Attendant | 1  |
| 8 | Legislative Assistant - Desk Page                   | 1  |

9 Persons holding Group B positions must be appointed by the party having a majority of the  
10 members-elect, acting by and through the Employment Committee. Unless otherwise  
11 determined by the Employment Committee, the Information Kiosk Attendant position alternates  
12 between the houses every other legislative session.

### 13 **Group C**

|    |                                             |   |
|----|---------------------------------------------|---|
| 14 | Administrative Assistant to the Speaker     | 1 |
| 15 | Administrative Assistant to Majority Leader | 1 |
| 16 | Staff Assistants to Majority Leader         | 2 |
| 17 | Administrative Assistant to Minority Leader | 1 |
| 18 | Staff Assistants to Minority Leader         | 2 |

19 The Speaker and the Majority and Minority Leaders shall appoint their respective  
20 administrative and staff assistants, acting by and through the Employment Committee.

21 Other employees must be appointed as determined necessary by the Employment  
22 Committee and must be allocated to the majority and minority parties in proportion to each  
23 party's percentage of the total number of the members-elect and each party shall appoint the  
24 persons to the positions allocated to them, acting by and through the Employment Committee.  
25 The majority party has the first right to select positions of a group until its allocation is filled.

26 The powers, duties, and qualifications for each officer or employee are as provided by  
27 law, these rules, and the Legislative Handbook for North Dakota Legislators and Employees.

**NOTE:** This rules amendment addresses the issue of requiring recorded roll call votes for the Secretary of the Senate/Chief Clerk of the House, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The current procedure is to suspend these rules because the voting system is not loaded with names and the rules require a reading of the roll.