

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 23-35-12 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the qualifications of local health officers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 23-35-12 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 1. A local health officer shall serve a term of five years, subject to removal for cause
- 7 by the governing body or the district board of health. The health officer ~~must be~~
- 8 hold, at a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and minimum, a
- 9 bachelor's degree in an allied health profession and have experience and
- 10 knowledge in public health. The health officer need not be a resident of the public
- 11 health unit. The appointee shall qualify by filing the constitutional oath of office in
- 12 the manner provided for the members of the board of health. If the state health
- 13 officer finds a local health officer is failing to perform the duties of the position, the
- 14 state health officer may report the case to the governing body of the appropriate
- 15 city, county, or district board of health. At the next meeting of the city's or county's
- 16 governing body or district board of health, the governing body or district board of
- 17 health shall declare the office vacant and may appoint another ~~physician~~ individual
- 18 to fill the unexpired term, or shall report the matter to the board of health, and the
- 19 board shall declare the office vacant and promptly shall appoint another ~~physician~~
- 20 individual to fill the unexpired term.