

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.