

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1261
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Hanson, L. Meier)
(Senators G. Lee, Wardner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-02 and subsection 1 of section 15.1-12-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the naming of a school district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-07-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-07-02. School district - Name change.

1. In order for the name of a school district to be changed, the question must be placed before and approved by a majority of the district's qualified voters at a district election. The school board may place the question on the ballot by resolution and shall place the question on the ballot if it receives a petition signed by qualified electors of the district equal in number to at least one-third of those who voted at the most recent annual school district election.
2. The proposed name change must include the phrase "school district" or "public school district" and may include no more than two additional words.
3. If a majority of the district's qualified voters approve the name change, the district must be renamed accordingly.
4. The business manager of the district shall provide notification of the new name to the county auditor, the county superintendent of schools, and the superintendent of public instruction.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-12-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The reorganization plan required by section 15.1-12-09 must:
 - a. Include a map showing the boundaries of each participating district and of the proposed new district;
 - b. Include the demographic characteristics of each participating district, including the population per age group;
 - c. Include the number of students enrolled in each participating district during the current school year and during the ten preceding school years;
 - d. Include projected student enrollments for the ensuing ten years;
 - e. Include the location and condition of all school buildings and facilities in each participating district and intended uses for the buildings and facilities;
 - f. Address planned construction, modification, or improvement of school buildings and facilities located within the boundaries of the new district;
 - g. Address planned course offerings by the new district;

- h. Include the planned administrative structure of the new district and the number of full-time equivalent personnel to be employed by the new district;
- i. Include the planned number of members who will constitute the board of the new district and the manner in which the members are to be elected;
- j. Address plans regarding student transportation;
- k. Identify other governmental entities, including multidistrict special education units and area career and technology centers, which may provide services to the new district;
- l. Include the taxable valuation and per student valuation of each participating district and the taxable valuation and per student valuation of the new district;
- m. Include the amount of all bonded and other indebtedness incurred by each participating district;
- n. Address the planned disposition of all property, assets, debts, and liabilities of each participating district, taking into consideration section 15.1-12-18;
- o. Include a proposed budget for the new district and a proposed general fund levy and any other levies, provided that tax levies submitted to and approved by the state board as part of a reorganization plan are not subject to mill levy limitations otherwise provided by law; ~~and~~
- p. Include the official name of the new district, which must include the phrase "school district" or "public school district" and which may include no more than two additional words; and
- q. Include any other information that the participating school districts wish to have considered by the county committee or the state board.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1261.

House Vote: Yeas 68 Nays 21 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 26 Nays 14 Absent 7

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State