

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1376
(Representatives Grande, Brandenburg, Haas, Hatlestad)
(Senator Dever)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 16.1-10-04 and 16.1-10-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to corrupt election practices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-10-04. Publication of false information in political advertisements - Penalty. ~~No~~ A person may not knowingly sponsor any political advertisement or news release that contains any assertion, representation, or statement of fact, including information concerning a candidate's prior public record, which the sponsor knows to be untrue, deceptive, or misleading, whether on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, initiated measure, referred measure, constitutional amendment, or any other issue, question, or proposal on an election ballot, and whether such publication is by radio, television, newspaper, pamphlet, folder, display cards, signs, posters, ~~or~~ billboard advertisements, web sites, or by any other public means. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-10-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16.1-10-06.2. Sale or distribution at polling place. ~~No~~ A person may not approach a person attempting to enter a polling place, or who is in a polling place, for the purpose of selling, soliciting for sale, advertising for sale, or distributing any merchandise, product, literature, or service. ~~This prohibition applies~~ A person may not approach a person attempting to enter a polling place, who is in a polling place, or who is leaving a polling place for the purpose of gathering signatures for any reason. These prohibitions apply in any polling place or within one hundred feet [30.48 meters] from any entrance leading into a polling place on election day.

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. 1376.

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 2 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State