

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1255**

Introduced by

Representative Kretschmar

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-03-01, subsection 3 of  
2 section 16.1-03-03, and subsection 1 of section 16.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to political party organization.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-03-01 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. On or before May fifteenth following the last preceding general election at which all  
8 three members of the legislative assembly from the legislative district were elected,  
9 a party caucus must be held by every election precinct within a legislative district at  
10 a site within or reasonably close to the precinct in the manner provided in sections  
11 16.1-03-01 through 16.1-03-03.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 16.1-03-03 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 3. Each political party in each voting precinct of this state, otherwise qualifying under  
15 subsection 2, is entitled to elect one precinct committeeman for each two hundred  
16 fifty votes, or fraction thereof, cast for the party's presidential electors in the  
17 precinct in the last presidential election. Each precinct is entitled to at least one  
18 precinct committeeman for each party which qualifies under subsection 2. Each  
19 precinct committeeman must be an elector of the precinct in which the  
20 committeeman resides and must be elected for a ~~two-year~~ four-year term.

21 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-03-07 of the North Dakota  
22 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23 1. ~~In every odd numbered year, the~~ The district committee of each party shall meet  
24 within fifteen days after the precinct caucus provided for in section 16.1-03-01.

- 1           The day, hour, and site must be set by the existing district committee chairman.
- 2           The precinct committeemen of a party, selected as provided by this chapter, with
- 3           any other persons provided for by the district committee's bylaws and as the district
- 4           committee designates, constitute the district committee of the party. The district
- 5           committee of a party must be organized to coincide with the geographical boundary
- 6           lines of state legislative districts. Each member of any committee provided for in
- 7           this chapter must be a qualified elector and must retain the office the member was
- 8           elected to until a successor is chosen. The district committee shall organize by:
- 9           a.    Selecting a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer chosen by the
- 10           district committee. The officers selected need not be precinct committeemen;
- 11           however, all the officers must be voting members of the district committee.
- 12           b.    Adopting rules and modes of procedure not in conflict with law.
- 13           c.    Filling any vacancies in the office of precinct committeeman pursuant to
- 14           section 16.1-03-05.
- 15           d.    Selecting an executive committee consisting of five or more persons chosen
- 16           from the district committee. The chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and
- 17           secretary of the district committee must be members and the officers of the
- 18           executive committee. That party's nominees for and members of the
- 19           legislative assembly may also be members of the executive committee.