

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2194

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Krebsbach, Nelson

Representatives Delmore, Ekstrom, S. Meyer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-34.3-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the commission on the status of women; and to provide for transition.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-34.3-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-34.3-10. Commission on the status of women - Appointment - Expenses -**

7 **Duties.** ~~There is established a~~

8 1. The commission on the status of women.~~This commission consists of five is~~
9 composed of eight members-;

10 a. Four female members appointed by the governor of which at least one
11 member must represent a rural area of the state, at least one member must
12 represent an urban area of the state, and at least one member must be an
13 enrolled member of a federally recognized North Dakota Indian tribe;

14 b. Two female members of the house of representatives, one of whom must be
15 selected by the leader representing the majority faction of the house of
16 representatives and one of whom must be selected by the leader representing
17 the minority faction of the house of representatives; and

18 c. Two female members of the senate, one of whom must be selected by the
19 leader representing the majority faction of the senate and one of whom must
20 be selected by the leader representing the minority faction of the senate.

21 2. The governor shall appoint each member for a term of office is four years,
22 staggered so that the term of at least one member expires July first of each year
23 expiring as of August first with no more than two terms expiring in any one year.
24 Of the first members appointed, two members must be appointed for terms of one

year; two members must be appointed for terms of two years; two members must be appointed for terms of three years; and two members must be appointed for terms of four years. A vacancy occurring other than by reason of the expiration of a term must be filled in the same manner as original appointments, except that the appointment may be made for only the remainder of the unexpired term. The members are entitled to be paid for mileage and actual expenses incurred in attending meetings and in performance of their official duties in amounts provided by law for other state officers and employees.

3. The member appointed by the leader representing the majority faction of the senate shall serve as chairman of the commission. The member appointed by the leader representing the minority faction of the house of representatives shall serve as vice chairman of the commission. The state department of health shall provide staff services for the commission. The commission shall meet at least four times per year and any additional meetings as the chairman determines necessary.

4. This commission shall ~~coordinate~~:

a. Coordinate activities and serve as a clearinghouse and an advisory group to the division for information governor and the legislative assembly on issues relating to economic the well-being of the women of the state. The issues to be addressed by the commission must include:

- (1) Economic development programs that focus on career development for women. ~~This commission shall prepare for and perform followup duties in connection with state, regional, and national conferences, encourage interest, participation, and cooperation with state departments, agencies, and other organizations in developing needed services, facilities, and opportunities, and provide consultant help to local organizations created for the purpose of coordinating activities for the economic and career development of women.~~
- (2) Domestic violence issues and recovery services for women and children;
- (3) Child care issues;
- (4) Women's health; and

(5) Women's educational opportunities.

b. Explore state, regional, and national conferences that would provide information of interest for women of the state.

c. Encourage interest, participation, and cooperation with state departments, agencies, and other organizations in developing needed services, facilities, and opportunities for the women of the state.

d. Provide consultant help to local women's organizations created for the purpose of coordinating activities for the women of the state.

e. Prepare and present a report to the legislative council by June first of each even-numbered year on the activities of the commission and any recommendations for legislation the commission may have that would support and assist women's issues in the state.

SECTION 2. TRANSITION. Notwithstanding the length of term to which a member of the commission on July 30, 2009, was appointed, the term of each member of the commission on the status of women is deemed to be expired as of August 1, 2009. Members of the commission who meet the qualifications set forth in section 1 of this Act may be appointed to the commission for terms commencing after July 31, 2009.