

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Legislative Redistricting Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to election precincts; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-04-01. Precincts - Duties and responsibilities of the board of county**
7 **commissioners or the governing body of the city.**

8 1. The board of county commissioners of each county:

9 ~~1.~~ a. Shall divide the county into precincts and establish the precinct boundaries,
10 except that within the boundaries of any incorporated city, the governing body of
11 the city shall divide the city into precincts and establish their boundaries pursuant
12 to title 40. Any number of townships or parts of townships may be joined into a
13 single precinct provided that no precinct may encompass more than one
14 legislative district.

15 ~~2.~~ b. May alter the number and size of precincts within the county by combining or
16 dividing precincts. However, the governing body of any incorporated city has the
17 authority to alter the number and size of precincts located within its boundaries.
18 The board of county commissioners may relinquish the jurisdiction provided
19 under ~~subsection 1~~subdivision a over all or any portion of a township or
20 townships under its jurisdiction to a city for the purpose of establishing a voting
21 precinct if a majority of the governing body of the city agrees to assume such
22 jurisdiction. The governing body of a city, by majority vote, may return jurisdiction
23 granted herein to the county and the county shall accept that jurisdiction.

1 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each legislative district must be divided
2 into at least six precincts. In any legislative district that comprises more than one
3 county, the boards of county commissioners of the counties within that legislative
4 district shall cooperate to ensure that the legislative district is composed of at least six
5 precincts.

6 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on November 25, 2011.