

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1265**

Introduced by

Representatives B. Koppelman, Becker, Kasper, Kiefert, Louser, Ruby, Thoreson

Senator Sitte

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-11, a new section to chapter  
2 40-05, and a new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 regulation of political signs by counties, cities, and townships.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 11-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Limitation on authority to regulate political signs.**

8 Notwithstanding any other law, a county, including a home rule county, may not impose any  
9 restriction or prohibition on the placement of a political sign on private property during the period  
10 beginning with ninety days before any primary, general, or special election and ending thirty  
11 days after any such election. However, a county may limit the size of a political sign in any area  
12 zoned for residential purposes to a maximum of forty square feet [3.72 square meters]. For  
13 purposes of this section, a "political sign" has meaning as in section 24-17-02.

14 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 40-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
15 and enacted as follows:

16 **Limitation on authority to regulate political signs.**

17 Notwithstanding any other law, a city, including a home rule city, may not impose any  
18 restriction or prohibition on the placement of a political sign on private property during the period  
19 beginning with ninety days before any primary, general, or special election and ending thirty  
20 days after any such election. However, a city may limit the size of a political sign in any area  
21 zoned for residential purposes to a maximum of forty square feet [3.72 square meters]. For  
22 purposes of this section, a "political sign" has meaning as in section 24-17-02.

23 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
24 and enacted as follows:

1        **Limitation on authority to regulate political signs.**

2        Notwithstanding any other law, a township may not impose any restriction or prohibition on  
3 the placement of a political sign on private property during the period beginning with ninety days  
4 before any primary, general, or special election and ending thirty days after any such election.  
5 However, a township may limit the size of a political sign in any area zoned for residential  
6 purposes to a maximum of forty square feet [3.72 square meters]. For purposes of this section,  
7 a "political sign" has meaning as in section 24-17-02.