

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2347

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Dever, Sorvaag

Representatives Meier, Rohr

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to emergency authority of the secretary of state for the administration of  
3 elections.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Emergency procedures to facilitate absentee voting.**

8 If an international, national, state, or local disaster or emergency or other situation arises  
9 which makes substantial compliance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
10 Voting Act [42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.] impossible or impracticable, as confirmed by the existence  
11 of armed conflict involving the armed forces of the United States or the mobilization of those  
12 forces, including national guard and reserve component members of this state, by the  
13 occurrence of a natural disaster or the existence of a state of emergency, civil unrest, war, or  
14 other exigency in a foreign country, or by an official declaration by the governor that a state of  
15 disaster or emergency exists, the secretary of state may prescribe special procedures or  
16 requirements as may be necessary to facilitate absentee voting by those absent uniformed  
17 services voters or overseas voters directly affected and who are eligible to vote in this state.