

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1474

Introduced by

Representatives Boehning, Rick C. Becker, Kasper, Kreidt, Schatz

Senators Casper, Sorvaag

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the consolidation of~~  
2 ~~elections.~~ for an Act to amend and reenact sections 16.1-03-02 and 16.1-03-05 of the North  
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to political organizations.

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

5 ~~SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY -- CONSOLIDATION OF~~  
6 ~~ELECTIONS.~~ During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying  
7 the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and school district  
8 elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other  
9 specified dates during any year. If the legislative management conducts the study, the  
10 legislative management shall seek input and participation from the secretary of state,  
11 representatives of cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions; and  
12 representatives of political parties. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
14 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:  
17 **16.1-03-02. Who may participate in and vote at caucus.**  
18 1. Only those individuals who are qualified electors under section 16.1-01-04 may vote or  
19 be elected as committeemen or officers at the precinct caucus.  
20 2. ~~Only those individuals who either voted or affiliated with the party at the last general~~  
21 ~~election or intend to affiliate with the party and vote with the party at the next election~~  
22 ~~may vote at the precinct caucus.~~  
23 ~~3.~~ In case the right of an individual to participate at the caucus is challenged, the  
24 question of the individual's right to participate must be decided by a vote of the whole

1 caucus. An individual so challenged may not vote on the question of the individual's  
2 right to participate in the caucus, and a two-thirds vote of the whole caucus is required  
3 to exclude an individual from participation.

4 ~~4.3.~~ An individual may not vote or participate at more than one precinct caucus in any one  
5 year.

6 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-03-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **16.1-03-05. Vacancies in office of precinct committeeman - Filling.**

9 A vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman, which occurs after the organization of the  
10 district committee, may be filled by appointment ~~from the precinct by the district executive-~~  
11 ~~committee of the party.~~ as authorized by the district party by-laws.