

HOUSE BILL NO. 1362

Introduced by

Representatives Dockter, Steiner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 16.1-08.1-03.1 and
2 subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to campaign
3 finance.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. A person or measure committee as described in section 16.1-08.1-01 which is
8 soliciting or accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding or opposing the
9 circulation or passage of a statewide initiative or referendum petition or measure
10 placed upon a statewide ballot by action of the legislative assembly may not accept a
11 contribution of more than one hundred dollars from an out-of-state person or political
12 committee unless the contribution is accompanied by a certified statement from the
13 contributor listing the name, address, and amount contributed by each person that
14 contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The statement must
15 indicate if no person contributed in excess of one hundred dollars of the out-of-state
16 person's or political committee's overall contribution. The certified statement must also
17 list the occupation, employer, and principal place of business for each individual who
18 contributed more than one hundred dollars of the contribution. The person soliciting or
19 accepting a contribution for the purpose of aiding the circulation of a statewide
20 initiative or referendum petition or of promoting passage or defeat of a statewide
21 initiated or referred measure shall include this statement with the contribution
22 statement required to be filed under subsection 1.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-06 of the North Dakota
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1 1. Any statement required by this chapter to be filed with the secretary of state must be:
- 2 a. Filed electronically with the secretary of state and must be within the prescribed
- 3 time and in the format established by the secretary of state. If the secretary of
- 4 state does not receive a statement, an electronic duplicate of the statement must
- 5 be promptly filed upon notice by the secretary of state of its nonreceipt. After a
- 6 statement has been filed, the secretary of state may request or accept written
- 7 clarification along with an amended statement from a candidate, political party, or
- 8 political committee filing the statement when discrepancies, errors, or omissions
- 9 on the statement are discovered by the secretary of state, the candidate, political
- 10 party, or political committee filing the statement, or by any interested party
- 11 reciting a lawful reason for requesting clarification and an amendment be made.
- 12 When requesting an amended statement, the secretary of state shall establish a
- 13 reasonable period of time, not to exceed ten days, agreed to by the candidate,
- 14 political party, or political committee, for filing the amended statement with the
- 15 secretary of state.
- 16 b. Preserved by the secretary of state for a period of ten years from the date of the
- 17 filing deadline. The statement is to be considered a part of the public records of
- 18 the secretary of state's office and must be open to public inspection on the
- 19 internet.