

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1048**

Introduced by

Representative Toman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the use of distributed ledger technologies and a pilot program.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Distributed ledger technologies - Authorization - Pilot program - Report.**

7 The department shall research, and develop, ~~and implement~~ the use of distributed  
8 ledger-enabled platform technologies, such as blockchains, for computer-controlled programs,  
9 data transfer and storage, and program regulation ~~used by state agencies~~ to protect against  
10 falsification, improve internal data security, and identify external hacking threats. Research must  
11 include efforts to protect the privacy of personal identifying information maintained within  
12 distributed ledger programs. The department shall select a state agency, upon the request of  
13 the state agency, to serve as a pilot program for the implementation and use of distributed  
14 ledger-enabled platform technologies. Before June first of each even-numbered year, the chief  
15 information officer shall report to the legislative management regarding the implementation of  
16 distributed ledger technologies.