

February 18, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1495

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to virtual sessions of the legislative assembly; to"

Page 1, line 9, remove "for no"

Page 1, line 10, remove "longer than thirty days"

Page 1, line 11, after "disease" insert "during an emergency or disaster declared by the governor or as otherwise specifically authorized in this title"

Page 1, line 21, after the period insert "An order issued under this section during an emergency or disaster may not exceed in duration or scope the authority of the governor under chapter 37-17.1."

Page 5, line 9, remove the overstrike over "~~A disaster or emergency must be declared by executive order or proclamation of the~~"

Page 5, line 10, remove the overstrike over "governor"

Page 5, line 10, after "if" insert ".

4."

Page 5, line 10, after the first "a" insert "statewide, natural"

Page 5, line 11, after "of" insert "statewide, natural"

Page 5, line 27, replace "may" with "shall"

Page 6, line 16, overstrike "4." and insert immediately thereafter "5."

Page 6, line 23, overstrike "5." and insert immediately thereafter "6."

Page 7, line 1, overstrike "6." and insert immediately thereafter "7."

Page 7, line 4, remove the overstrike over "~~Suspend~~"

Page 7, line 4, remove "With the consent of the legislative assembly, suspend"

Page 7, line 9, replace "(1) The" with "However, the"

Page 7, line 10, replace "(a)" with "(1)"

Page 7, line 11, replace "(b)" with "(2)"

Page 7, remove lines 12 through 31

Page 8, after line 24, insert:

"8. During a declared state of disaster or emergency, a public official or executive branch employee may not withhold, direct, or require the use or expenditure of any money in a manner or for a purpose other than the manner or purpose for which the money was appropriated by the legislative assembly, emergency commission, or budget section."

Page 8, line 25, overstrike "7." and insert immediately thereafter "9."

Page 8, line 27, overstrike "8." and insert immediately thereafter "10."

Page 11, after line 6, insert:

"**SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Virtual session of the legislative assembly during emergency or disaster.

1. If the governor calls a special session of the legislative assembly to address a state of emergency or disaster or if the legislative assembly reconvenes to address a state of emergency or disaster, the legislative assembly may use any technology or electronic means available to conduct meetings and transact legislative business.
2. For purposes of section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, a meeting of the legislative assembly which occurs under this section is deemed to have occurred at the seat of the government, and all actions taken during the meeting have the same legal effect as if the members of the legislative assembly were physically present at the seat of government."

Renumber accordingly