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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2278

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Larson

Representatives Christensen, Karls, Klemin

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding municipal courts and judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MUNICIPAL COURTS.

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the laws and procedures relating to courts established under chapter 40-18. The study must include an examination of the:
   a. Number and geographic location of existing municipal courts;
   b. Access to municipal court ordinances;
   c. Jurisdiction of the municipal courts;
   d. Municipal court judge qualifications and training;
   e. Transfer of cases to district court;
   f. Appeal of cases to district court;
   g. Supreme court general oversight of municipal courts;
   h. Applicability of judicial administrative rules to municipal courts;
   i. Requirements for recording proceedings in municipal court; and
   j. Requirements to report information to the supreme court on the establishment or abolition of a court, the election, appointment and removal of municipal court judges and clerks, and annual caseload data and annual financial information on the imposition, collection, and disposition of fines and fees.
2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.