

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1158**

Introduced by

Representatives Stemen, Berg, Dockter, Hagert, Louser, Pyle

Senators Klein, Meyer, Roers

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the exempt status of records related to petitions in possession of the  
3 secretary of state.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Secretary of state - Petition records - Exempt.**

8 A record received by the secretary of state, which is related to a request for approval of a  
9 petition to initiate or refer a measure, is an exempt record until the secretary of state has  
10 passed upon the sufficiency of the petition under section 16.1-01-10, or thirty-five days have  
11 passed since the secretary of state received the record, whichever occurs first.