

HOUSE BILL NO. 1408

Introduced by

Representatives Bahl, Lefor, Louser, D. Ruby, Schauer, Weisz, Hagert

Senators Bekkedahl, Roers, Schaible, Sickler, Davison

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to annually reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

- 8 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of
9 December following the election of ~~the~~its members thereof for organizational and
10 orientation purposes and shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until the time provided in
11 subsection 2.
- 12 2. The legislative assembly shall reconvene ~~at twelve noon~~annually for a number of days
13 to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the number of days must be
14 scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each year, subject to subsection 3.
- 15 a. Each year, the legislative assembly shall convene on the first Tuesday~~Monday~~
16 ~~after the third day in January of the year following the organizational session as~~
17 ~~provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date selected by the legislative~~
18 ~~management but not earlier than January second nor later than January eleventh~~
19 ~~of the year following the organizational session and, following.~~ At the close of
20 business of the regular session, the legislative assembly shall adjourn~~recess~~
21 subject to subsection 3.
- 22 b. The first week of each year the legislative assembly is convened, it shall convene
23 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Thereafter, the
24 legislative assembly shall primarily convene on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

1 and Thursday. The legislative assembly shall convene on Friday only as
2 determined by the legislative management with prior notice to the legislative
3 assembly. A standing committee of the legislative assembly may meet on a
4 Friday with prior notice to the presiding officer of the chamber.

5 3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene
6 as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may
7 not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not
8 been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under
9 subsection 2.

10 4. The legislative management shall determine the structure and logistics of the
11 legislative session.

12 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2027.