

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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

7 ~~— SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
8 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

9 ~~— 54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.~~

10 ~~— 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of~~
11 ~~December following the election of the its members thereof for organizational and~~
12 ~~orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess until the time provided in~~
13 ~~subsection 2.~~

14 ~~— 2. The legislative assembly shall reconvene at twelve noon annually for a number of days~~
15 ~~to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the number of days must be~~
16 ~~scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each year, subject to subsection 3.~~

17 ~~— a. Each year, the legislative assembly shall convene on the first Tuesday~~
18 ~~Monday~~
19 ~~after the third day in January of the year following the organizational session as~~
20 ~~provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date selected by the legislative~~
~~management but not earlier than January second nor later than January eleventh~~

1 of the year following the organizational session and, following. ~~At the close of~~
2 ~~business of the regular session, the legislative assembly shall adjourn recess~~
3 ~~subject to subsection 3.~~

4 ~~b. The first week of each year the legislative assembly is convened, it shall convene~~
5 ~~on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Thereafter, the~~
6 ~~legislative assembly shall primarily convene on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,~~
7 ~~and Thursday. The legislative assembly shall convene on Friday only as~~
8 ~~determined by the legislative management with prior notice to the legislative~~
9 ~~assembly. A standing committee of the legislative assembly may meet on a~~
10 ~~Friday with prior notice to the presiding officer of the chamber.~~

11 ~~3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene~~
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13 ~~not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not~~
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