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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   *In place of amendments (25.0902.02003) adopted by the Senate, House Bill No. 1408 is*
2   *amended by amendment (25.0902.02005) as follows:*

3   A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,

4   relating to annually reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective

5   date.for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,

6   relating to annually reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly; to provide an effective

7   date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

9   **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is

10   amended and reenacted as follows:

11   **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

12   1.   The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of

13   December following the election of theits members thereof for organizational and

14   orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess until the time provided in

15   subsection 2.

16   2.   The legislative assembly shall reconvene at twelve noonannually for a number of days

17   to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the number of days must be

18   scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each year, subject to subsection 3.

19   a.   Each year, the legislative assembly shall convene on the first TuesdayMonday

20   after the third day in January of the year following the organizational session as

21   provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date selected by the legislative

22   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 adjournrecess

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

12 as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may

13 not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not

14 been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under

15 subsection 2.

16 4. The legislative management shall determine the structure and logistics of the

17 legislative session.

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

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20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

22 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of

23 December following the election of the members thereof for organizational and

24 orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess until the time provided in

25 subsection 2.

26 2. TheSubject to subsection 3, the legislative assembly shall reconvene at twelve noon

27 on the first Tuesday after the third day in January of the year following the

28 organizational session as provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date

29 selected by the legislative management but not earlier than January second nor:

30 a. Annually at a date and time determined by the legislative management, but not

31 later than January eleventh of theeach year following the organizational session

1 ~~and, following the close of business of the regular session, shall adjourn subject~~

2 ~~to subsection 3~~.

3   b.   For a number of days to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the

4   number of days must be scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each

5   year.

6   3.   Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene

7   as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may

8   not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not

9   been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under

10   subsection 2.

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

12   legislative session.

13   5.   The legislative management shall promulgate legislative rules to accommodate annual

14   legislative sessions, which must be adopted as the temporary rules of the seventieth

15   legislative assembly during the organizational session, subject to any further

16   amendments proposed during the organizational session for adoption of the

17   permanent rules.

18   **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on August 1, 2026.

19   **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Subsection 5 of section 1 of this Act is effective through

20 December 31, 2026, and after that date is ineffective.