

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1408  
with Senate Amendments**

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Introduced by

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

Senators Bekkedahl, Roers, Schaible, Sickler, Davison

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

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

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

8 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

- 9 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of  
10 December following the election of the members thereof for organizational and  
11 orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess until the time provided in  
12 subsection 2.
- 13 2. ~~The~~Subject to subsection 3, the legislative assembly shall reconvene at ~~twelve noon~~  
14 ~~on the first Tuesday after the third day in January of the year following the~~  
15 ~~organizational session as provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date~~  
16 ~~selected by the legislative management but not earlier than January second nor~~  
17 a. ~~Annually at a date and time determined by the legislative management, but not~~  
18 ~~later than January eleventh of the~~each year following the ~~organizational session~~  
19 ~~and, following the close of business of the regular session, shall adjourn subject~~  
20 ~~to subsection 3.~~

- 1            b. For a number of days to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the  
2            number of days must be scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each  
3            year.
- 4            3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene  
5            as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may  
6            not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not  
7            been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under  
8            subsection 2.
- 9            4. The legislative management shall determine the structure and logistics of the  
10           legislative session.
- 11           5. The legislative management shall promulgate legislative rules to accommodate annual  
12           legislative sessions, which must be adopted as the temporary rules of the seventieth  
13           legislative assembly during the organizational session, subject to any further  
14           amendments proposed during the organizational session for adoption of the  
15           permanent rules.

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

17           **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Subsection 5 of section 1 of this Act is effective through  
18           December 31, 2026, and after that date is ineffective.