Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025

HOUSE BILL NO. 1374
(Representatives Klemin, Fegley, Warrey)
(Senator Barta)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 and a new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an open meeting exemption for a board of township supervisors when conducting an onsite inspection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Township onsite inspections - Exemption.

An onsite inspection conducted under section 2 of this Act is an exempt meeting.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Onsite inspections - Exempt meeting.

1. A gathering of the members of a board of township supervisors to conduct an onsite inspection under this title is an exempt meeting as defined under section 44-04-17.1 if:

    a. The township does not have staff available that is capable of making the inspection; or

    b. The board of township supervisors is serving as the township officers and the staff of the township.

2. The board of township supervisors shall make good-faith efforts to provide notice of the inspections to each news medium that has filed a written request for notice if the request includes the news medium's telephone number. The notice must be given by telephone or by any other method used to notify the members of the public body.

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Speaker of the House   President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House   Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1374.

House Vote: Yeas 88   Nays 3   Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 45   Nays 1   Absent 1

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

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Secretary of State