

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2230

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Hogue, Meyer

Representatives McLeod, Rohr

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the secretary of state's duty to distribute educational and informational
3 materials before an election; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Secretary of state to distribute information to qualified electors regarding ballot**
8 **measures.**

- 9 1. For each statewide constitutional measure approved by the legislative assembly,
10 initiated measure, or referendum appearing on the ballot of a special, primary, or
11 general election, the secretary of state shall create and distribute objective and factual
12 educational materials to each individual listed as "secured active" in the central voter
13 file not less than forty-five days before the election at which the question will be voted
14 upon.
- 15 2. The materials created and distributed under subsection 1 must contain:
- 16 a. An objective summary of the measure;
- 17 b. The anticipated fiscal impact of the measure;
- 18 c. Whether the measure was approved by the legislative assembly or originated as
19 an initiative or referred petition; and
- 20 d. An objective analysis of a vote in favor and a vote opposed.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SECRETARY OF STATE - BALLOT MEASURE**

22 **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in

1 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000, or so much of the sum as
2 may be necessary, to the secretary of state for the purpose of creating and distributing objective
3 and factual educational materials focusing on the accuracy, fairness, and readability of
4 measures placed on a statewide election ballot as provided in section 1 of this Act, for the
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

6 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2027, and after that
7 date is ineffective.