

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SECOND ENGROSSMENT**

REENGROSSED 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 voter" in the central
13 voter file not less than forty-five days before the election at which the question will be
14 voted upon. ~~Materials created under this subsection also must be posted at all voting~~
15 locations.
- 16 2. The materials created and distributed under subsection 1 must contain:
- 17 a. An objective summary of the measure;
- 18 b. The anticipated fiscal impact of the measure;
- 19 c. Whether the measure was approved by the legislative assembly or originated as
20 an initiative or referred petition; and

1 d. An objective analysis of a vote in favor and a vote opposed.

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

3 **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys
4 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000, or so
5 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the secretary of state for the purpose of creating and
6 distributing objective and factual educational materials focusing on the accuracy, fairness, and
7 readability of measures placed on a statewide election ballot as provided in section 1 of this Act,
8 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding in this section
9 is considered a one-time funding item.

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