

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1257

Introduced by

Representatives Hendrix, Ista, Kasper, Koppelman, Christianson, D. Ruby

Senators Hogue, Walen, Weston, Enget

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-03.1-02 and 54-03.1-03 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the organizational session of the legislative assembly.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03.1-02. Time and place of meeting - Who must attend.**

- 7 1. In each even-numbered year on the first Monday in the month of December or on a  
8 date selected by the legislative management but not earlier than December first nor  
9 later than December fifteenth, all persons~~individuals~~ elected at the previous November  
10 general election as members of the succeeding legislative session, and members  
11 whose terms do not expire until the first day of December following the next November  
12 general election, shall meet in the state capitol in the city of Bismarck, or at such other  
13 place as may be designated, at a time designated by the legislative management for  
14 the purpose of conducting an organizational session.
- 15 2. The legislative management shall call the organizational session and the legislative  
16 council shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for operation of the  
17 session.
- 18 3. The organizational session ~~must~~may be conducted over a period of ~~at least~~up to five  
19 business days. *including orientation for new legislators*

1       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **54-03.1-03. Agenda - Adoption of rules.**

4       1. The agenda of the organizational session must include <sup>but is not limited to;</sup> the following:

5       ~~1. a.~~ Orientation classes ~~upon on legislative rules and procedure~~ for new legislators;  
6       regarding:

7       (1) Floor session and standing committee procedures, including adopted  
8       legislative rules and common practices;

9       (2) Appropriations committees procedures;

10       (3) Use of tools, equipment, and technology relating to the legislative process;  
11       and

12       (4) Constitutional law, statutes of limitations, due process, and other general  
13       legal principles presented by a <sup>as arranged x LC</sup> representative of the university of North

14       Dakota school of law;

15       ~~2. b.~~ <sup>5) 1-4 may be in video format</sup> Presentation of reports by legislative interim committees or commissions;

16       ~~3. c.~~ Party caucuses to review proposed legislative rules and committee assignments,  
17       as appropriate;

18       ~~4. d.~~ Appointment of procedural committees;

19       ~~5. e.~~ A joint session including:

20       (1) Presentation of the budget and revenue proposals recommended by the  
21       governor as provided in section 54-44.1-07; and

22       (2) A <sup>as determined in</sup> report presented by each constitutional officeholder; <sup>AS</sup> and

23       ~~6. Presentation by the legislative council on floor session and standing committee~~  
24       ~~procedures, including adopted rules and common practices;~~

25       ~~7. Presentation of the procedures of the appropriations committees;~~

26       ~~8. A report presented by each constitutional office during a joint session; and~~

27       ~~6.9. f.~~ All other similar matters, ~~in order that~~ so the legislative assembly be fully  
28       organized and ready to begin its business by the first day of the regular session.

29       2. The adoption of legislative rules must take place after all new legislator orientation is  
30       complete.