

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1408

Introduced by

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

Senators Bekkedahl, Roers, Schaible, Sickler, Davison

1 *In place of amendments (25.0902.02003) adopted by the Senate, House Bill No. 1408 is*
2 *amended by amendment (25.0902.02004) as follows:*

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

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

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

11 ~~**54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**~~

12 ~~1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of~~
13 ~~December following the election of its members thereof for organizational and~~
14 ~~orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess until the time provided in~~
15 ~~subsection 2.~~

16 ~~2. The legislative assembly shall reconvene at twelve noon annually for a number of days~~
17 ~~to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the number of days must be~~
18 ~~scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each year, subject to subsection 3.~~

19 ~~a. Each year, the legislative assembly shall convene on the first Tuesday~~
20 ~~Monday~~
21 ~~after the third day in January of the year following the organizational session as~~
22 ~~provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date selected by the legislative~~
~~management but not earlier than January second nor later than January eleventh~~

1 of the year following the organizational session and, following, ~~At the close of~~
2 ~~business of the regular session, the legislative assembly shall adjourn~~ ~~recess~~
3 ~~subject to subsection 3.~~

4 ~~b. The first week of each year the legislative assembly is convened, it shall convene~~
5 ~~on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Thereafter, the~~
6 ~~legislative assembly shall primarily convene on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,~~
7 ~~and Thursday. The legislative assembly shall convene on Friday only as~~
8 ~~determined by the legislative management with prior notice to the legislative~~
9 ~~assembly. A standing committee of the legislative assembly may meet on a~~
10 ~~Friday with prior notice to the presiding officer of the chamber.~~

11 ~~3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene~~
12 ~~as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may~~
13 ~~not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not~~
14 ~~been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under~~
15 ~~subsection 2.~~

16 ~~4. The legislative management shall determine the structure and logistics of the~~
17 ~~legislative session.~~

18 ~~SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.~~ This Act becomes effective on January 1, 2027.

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20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

22 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of
23 December following the election of ~~the~~ its members ~~thereof~~ for organizational and
24 orientation purposes and shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until the time provided in
25 subsection 2.

26 2. ~~The~~ Subject to subsection 3, the legislative assembly shall reconvene ~~at twelve noon~~
27 ~~on the first Tuesday after the third day in January of the year following the~~
28 ~~organizational session as provided in subsection 1 or at twelve noon on a date~~
29 ~~selected by the legislative management but not earlier than January second nor~~

1 a. Annually at a date and time determined by the legislative management, but not
2 later than January eleventh of ~~the~~ each year ~~following the organizational session~~

1 ~~and, following the close of business of the regular session, shall adjourn subject~~
2 ~~to subsection 3.~~

3 b. For a number of days to be determined by the legislative assembly, but the
4 number of days must be scheduled within a seventy calendar day period each
5 year.

6 3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene
7 as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may
8 not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not
9 been previously used by that legislative assembly in regular session under
10 subsection 2.

11 4. The legislative management shall determine the structure and logistics of the
12 legislative session.

13 5. The legislative management shall promulgate legislative rules to accommodate annual
14 legislative sessions, which must be adopted as the temporary rules of the seventieth
15 legislative assembly during the organizational session, subject to any further
16 amendments proposed during the organizational session for adoption of the
17 permanent rules.

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

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

