

# OFFICES AND OFFICERS

## CHAPTER 304

S. B. No. 67  
(Johnson, Nelson, Roen,  
Yunker and Brooks)

### GOVERNORSHIP SUCCESSION

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 44-0203 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to succession to the governorship.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. **Amendment.**) Section 44-0203 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**44-0203. Vacancy In State Or District Office; How Filled.)** Any vacancy in a state or district office, except in the office of a member of the legislative assembly, shall be filled by appointment by the governor. If during a vacancy in the office of governor, the lieutenant governor and the secretary of state shall be impeached, displaced, resign, or die, or from mental or physical disease or otherwise become incapable of performing the duties of the office of governor as provided by sections 72 and 77 of the Constitution of the state of North Dakota, then the succession to the office of governor shall be the speaker of the house, president pro tem of the senate, attorney general, in the order named. Each succeeding person named shall hold the office of governor until the vacancy is filled by election or until any disability of the preceding person in the line of succession is removed.

Approved March 6, 1957.

## CHAPTER 305

H. B. No. 694

(Burk, Muggli, Baldwin, Nygaard and Link)

## ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

## AN ACT

Providing for public access to records of public or governmental bodies.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1.) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all records of public or governmental bodies, boards, bureaus, commissions or agencies of the state or any political subdivision of the state, or organizations or agencies supported in whole or in part by public funds, or expending public funds, shall be public records, open and accessible for inspection during reasonable office hours.

Approved March 18, 1957.

## CHAPTER 306

H. B. No. 695

(Burk, Muggli, Baldwin, Nygaard, Link)

## PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

## AN ACT

Providing for public meetings of public or governmental bodies.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1.) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings of public or governmental bodies, boards, bureaus, commissions or agencies of the state or any political subdivision of the state, or organizations or agencies supported in whole or in part by public funds, or expending public funds, shall be open to the public.

Approved March 13, 1957.