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## TO: PROSPECTIVE TERM LIMIT STUDY CONSULTANTS

The North Dakota Legislative Management is seeking proposals for consultant services for assistance in the study of the impact of term limits. The Legislative Management has assigned the study responsibilities to its interim Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee, Senator Jerry Klein, Chairman. Your organization is invited to submit a proposal for providing consulting services to the committee by Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

The selection of the consultant will be made by the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee, subject to approval by the Legislative Management Chairman.

As provided for in <u>Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2001 (2025)</u>, the Legislative Management and Legislative Council were appropriated funding to study the impact of legislative term limits. It is recommended the study includes an analysis of whether the application of term limits will:

- 1. Result in an increased need for educational opportunities for legislative members due to shortened tenures in the Legislative Assembly;
- 2. Increase the number of Legislative Council staff needed to assist new members;
- 3. Require legislative sessions to be held on an annual basis; and
- 4. Unduly impair the Legislative Assembly's ability to lead with respect to formulating policy for the state.

The resulting contract will require the consultant to conduct public meetings and solicit input on the question of whether term limits will impair the Legislative Assembly's ability to lead on policy issues and require periodic reports to the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee on the status of the project and on tentative findings and recommendations. The final written report will be due by April 1, 2026 (or other date identified by the committee).

## Each proposal should include:

- 1. Information on the individuals who would conduct the study, indicating educational and employment experiences, and the company's experience with term limits or legislative operations;
- 2. Representative samples or summaries of related studies conducted by the company and the status of the implementation of any recommendations; and
- 3. References for previous related studies.

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Proposed contract amounts should be inclusive of all expenses. Consultants under contract for the state should be able to obtain lodging in the state at the rate provided by law for state government officials and employees (\$110 per night plus tax). Meals should be reimbursed at a maximum rate of \$45 per person per day.

The Legislative Management intends to award contracts based on the information contained within the proposals received as well as information received from other sources. The Legislative Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to award contracts that the Legislative Management considers the most advantageous to the state.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for providing these services, please submit your proposal to the Legislative Council office at the address below by Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The committee plans to meet in September, at the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, to hear formal presentations from consultants submitting proposals.

The Legislative Council is the point of contact for this request for proposal. All consultant communications regarding the request for proposal should be directed to the Legislative Council.

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The request for proposal, any amendments to the request for proposal, and all questions submitted with responses will be posted on the following website at <a href="https://ndlegis.gov/rfps">https://ndlegis.gov/rfps</a>. Interested consultants are encouraged to check that website periodically for any updates related to this request for proposal.

Sincerely,

Senator David Hogue

Chairman

Legislative Management

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