

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

SB 2054

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2054
1/8/2025

A Bill related to the master jury list

01:21 p.m. Chair Larson opened the meeting

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chair Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger

Discussion Topics:

- Expansion of Jury Master List
- Confidentiality
- Diversity

01:22 p.m. Sara Behrens, staff attorney with the State Court Administrator's Office, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28142

01:27 p.m. Travis W. Finck, Executive Director for the NDCLCI, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28155

01:31 p.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing

01:31 p.m. Senator Luick moved a do pass

01:31 p.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Carried 7-0-0

01:32 p.m. Senator Luick carried the bill

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2054 ([25.8027.01000](#))

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING), and be placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Senate Bill 2054
Senate Judiciary Committee
Testimony Presented by Sara Behrens
January 8, 2025

Good afternoon Chair Larson, members of the committee. My name is Sara Behrens and I am a staff attorney with the State Court Administrator's Office. I am here today in support of Senate Bill 2054. Section 27-09.1-01 states:

The legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota hereby declares that it is the policy of this state that all persons selected for jury service be selected at random from a fair cross section of the population of the area served by the court, and that all qualified citizens have the opportunity in accordance with this chapter to be considered for jury service in this state and an obligation to serve as jurors when summoned for that purpose.

SB 2054 strives to move a step closer to that intent by expanding the master jury list provided for in section 27-09.1-05. Section 27-09.1-05 currently contains a paragraph with a list of what lists are to comprise the master jury list. SB 2054 separates out the paragraph into list format. The current list is comprised of actual voters for the county and can be supplemented with lists of utility customers, property taxpayers, motor vehicle registrations, tribal registries if made available, and driver's licenses. While these lists capture a large portion of the population, there are individuals who do not fit within those categories. SB 2054 adds those receiving unemployment compensation, those receiving public assistance, and those receiving child care assistance. We worked with the Department of Health

and Human Services in drafting this bill and, because the lists of those receiving public and child care assistance are confidential, the Department must amend the state plan in order to provide the lists to the court. Therefore, there is a contingent effective date applied to those provisions.

Because of the confidentiality of some of the lists we seek to include, the master jury list will also be made confidential.

There's a constitutional and statutory right to a jury with a fair cross-section of the population and a right for individuals to participate in the jury process. This bill strives to better meet those constitutional and statutory obligations. Thank you for your consideration and we urge a do pass.

SB 2054
69th Legislative Assembly
Senate Judiciary Committee
January 8, 2025
Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today on behalf of the Commission to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2054.

Senate Bill 2054 provides a mechanism to expand the master jury list allowing for a more diverse venire in jury trials in North Dakota. A cross-section of the community in jury selection is crucial because it ensures that the jury reflects the diverse perspectives and experiences of the population, leading to a fairer trial by guaranteeing that no significant group is systematically excluded, upholding the principle of impartiality and public confidence in the justice system, as mandated by the Sixth Amendment of the US Constitution which guarantees the right to a jury selected from a representative cross-section of the community. By including a broad range of community members, the jury is better able to understand the context of the case and make decisions that resonate with the community as a whole. This serves not only to satisfy the 6th Amendment as applied to the States, but also to promote confidence in the Courts. When citizens see jury panels that reflect the community they live in, it serves to increase trust in the outcome.

For the reasons stated herein, the Commission supports SB 2054 and respectfully requests a do pass recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:



Travis W. Finck
Executive Director, NDCLCI

2025 HOUSE JUDICIARY

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2054
2/18/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-09.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the master jury list; and to provide a contingent effective date.

10:06 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, Johnston, S. Olson, Satrom, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative McLeod

Discussion Topics:

- Juror selection process
- Validation of social security numbers
- Qualifications for being a juror

10:07 a.m. Sara Behrens, Staff Attorney with the State Court Administrator's Office, testified in favor and provided testimony #37938 and #38013.

10:12 a.m. Dr. Rachel Schaffer, Director of Program Administration in the Economic Assistant Section in Health and Human Services, answered committee questions.

10:16 a.m. Todd Ewell, Deputy Director of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, testified in favor and provided testimony #37889.

10:23 a.m. Representative Tveit moved a Do Not Pass

10:23 a.m. Representative VanWinkle seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
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Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
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Representative Carrie McLeod	A
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	N

Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

10:39 a.m. Motion passed 8-5-1

10:39 a.m. Representative Johnston will carry the bill.

10:40 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

SB 2054
69th Legislative Assembly
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO. 2054

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-09.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the master jury list; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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

4 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 27-09.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

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8 may consist of all lists of actual:
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12 ~~Indian tribe in this state, and driver's licenses, which the supreme court of this~~
13 ~~state from time to time designates. In compiling the master list, the clerk shall~~
14 ~~avoid duplication of names.;~~
 - 15 b. Those receiving unemployment compensation under chapter 52-06;
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 - 17 d. Drivers licensed by the department of transportation under chapter 39-06;
 - 18 e. Public utility customers;
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23 compiling the master list, ~~including those designated under subsection 1 by the~~
24 ~~supreme court as supplementary sources of names,~~ shall make the list available to the

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- 1 clerk for inspection, reproduction, and copying at all reasonable times to the court in
2 electronic form.
- 3 3. Names on tribal registries must be included in the master list if made available by a
4 federally recognized Indian tribe in this state.
- 5 4. The master list shall be open to the public for examination ~~and all lists used to compile~~
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7 ~~jury selection.~~

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14 chapter 75-02-01.2;
15 c. Those receiving child care assistance under North Dakota Administrative Code
16 chapter 75-02-01.3;
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18 e-e. Registered owners of motor vehicles under chapter 39-04;
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31 be used only by the court for the purpose of jury selection. Information used to compile

1 the master list in subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 1, are confidential and are to be
2 used only by the court for the purpose of creating the master list.

3 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - STATE PLAN**

4 **AMENDMENT.** During the 2025-2027 biennium the department of health and human services
5 shall seek a state plan amendment to authorize the disclosure of lists of those individuals
6 receiving public assistance under North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.2 and
7 child care assistance under North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.3. Upon
8 amendment of the state plan, the executive director of the department of health and human
9 services shall certify this fact to the legislative council.

10 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective
11 ninety days after the date the executive director of the department of health and human
12 services certifies to the legislative council the state has been granted a state plan amendment
13 that authorizes the disclosure of lists of those individuals receiving public assistance under
14 North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.2 and child care assistance under North
15 Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.3.

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

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2/18/2025

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4:07 p.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, Johnston, McLeod, S. Olson, Satrom, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

4:09 p.m. Representative S. Olson moved to reconsider.

4:09 p.m. Representative VanWinkle seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	N
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	N
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	N
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

4:11 p.m. Motion passed 11-3-0

4:11 p.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2054
2/24/2025

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9:22 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, Johnston, McLeod, S. Olson, Satrom, Tveit, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative VanWinkle

Discussion Topics:

- Privacy of the master jury list
- Tribal member inclusion on the master jury list

9:24 a.m. Representative S. Olson proposed an Amendment, testimony #38350.

9:29 a.m. Sara Behrens, Staff Attorney with the State Court Administrator's Office, answered committee questions.

9:37 a.m. Representative S. Olson moved to adopt Amendments proposed in testimony #38350 and replace "section" with "subsection" on page 3 line 1.

9:37 a.m. Representative Schneider seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	A
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

9:38 a.m. Motion passed 13-0-1

9:38 a.m. Representative Vetter moved a Do Pass as Amended.

9:38 a.m. Representative S. Olson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	N
Representative Donna Henderson	N
Representative Jeff Hoverson	N
Representative Daniel Johnston	N
Representative Carrie McLeod	N
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	N
Representative Lori VanWinkle	A
Representative Christina Wolff	N

9:40 a.m. Motion failed 6-7-1

9:40 a.m. Representative Wolff moved a Do Not Pass as Amended.

9:40 a.m. Representative Henderson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	N
Representative Karen Karls	N
Representative Steve Vetter	N
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	N
Representative Bernie Satrom	N
Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	A
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

9:41 a.m. Motion passed 7-6-1.

9:41 a.m. Representative Christianson will carry the bill.

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9:41 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2054

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2054**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.8027.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2054 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2 used only by the court for the purpose of creating the master list.

3 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - STATE PLAN**

4 **AMENDMENT.** During the 2025-2027 biennium the department of health and human services
5 shall seek a state plan amendment to authorize the disclosure of lists of those individuals
6 receiving public assistance under North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.2 and
7 child care assistance under North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.3. Upon
8 amendment of the state plan, the executive director of the department of health and human
9 services shall certify this fact to the legislative council.

10 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective
11 ninety days after the date the executive director of the department of health and human
12 services certifies to the legislative council the state has been granted a state plan amendment
13 that authorizes the disclosure of lists of those individuals receiving public assistance under
14 North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.2 and child care assistance under North
15 Dakota Administrative Code chapter 75-02-01.3.