

FULL NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND
NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION RULES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Ethics Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 115-02-01 at 9:30 am on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 600 E Boulevard Ave, Judicial Wing Room 321, Bismarck and on Microsoft Teams [here](#). The proposed amendments implement N.D. Const. art. XIV, § 3(2) and Senate Bill 2004 enacted during the most recent legislative session, concerning the complaint process, referrals of complaints to law enforcement, settlement of complaints with the Ethics Commission, motions to dismiss a complaint submitted by respondents, and complaint management time standards. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to implement the statutory amendments into the Ethics Commission's rules and clarify the Ethics Commission's process for receiving and processing complaints, summary dismissals, and final action on complaints. The proposed amendments set and clarify definitions for complaints, clarify the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction and complaint limitation period, clarify how a complaint can be submitted and summarily dismissed, modify the standard for referrals of complaints to law enforcement, set how a respondent can submit a motion to dismiss, set how the Ethics Commission may settle a complaint, clarify the hearing process for final action on complaints, and set complaint management time standards. The proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000. These are not emergency rules.

The proposed rules may be found at www.ethicscommission.nd.gov. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 195, Bismarck, ND 58505, e-mailing ethicscommission@nd.gov, or calling (701) 328-5325. Written or oral comments on the proposed rules received by September 22, 2025, and sent to the above address, emailed to ethicscommission@nd.gov, or submitted online at www.ethicscommission.nd.gov/public-input will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Ethics Commission at (701) 328-5325 or the above mailing address at least 14 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2025.

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