Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, Beadle, M. Johnson

Senators Miller, Schneider

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the personal use of campaign funds; and to provide a
- 3 penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 Personal use of contributions prohibited Exceptions.
- 8 A candidate may not use any contribution received by the candidate, the candidate's
- 9 candidate committee, or a multicandidate political committee to:
- 10 <u>1. Give a personal benefit to the candidate or to another person;</u>
- 11 <u>2.</u> Convert the contribution to personal income of the candidate;
- 12 <u>3. Make a loan to another person;</u>
- 4. Knowingly pay more than the fair market value for goods or services purchased for the campaign;
- 15 <u>5.</u> Pay a criminal fine; or
- 6. Pay civil penalties, except a contribution may be used to pay a civil penalty assessed
- 17 <u>under section 16.1-08.1-05 if the secretary of state determines the candidate did not</u>
- cause or participate in the violation for which the civil penalty is imposed, exercised a
- reasonable level of oversight over the campaign, and cooperated in the revelation of
- the violation and in its immediate correction.