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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-35.2-01, 54-35.2-02, 54-35.2-03,
2 54-35.2-04, and 54-35.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transforming the
3 advisory commission on intergovernmental relations into legislative management appointed
4 task forces on intergovernmental issues.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-35.2-01. ~~Advisory commission~~ Task force on intergovernmental relations -**
9 **Membership - ~~Terms - Meetings.~~**

- 10 1. ~~The advisory commission~~ legislative management may from time to time appoint task
11 forces on intergovernmental relations ~~consists of twelve members:~~
- 12 a. ~~The North Dakota league of cities executive committee shall appoint two~~
13 ~~members of the commission.~~
 - 14 b. ~~The North Dakota association of counties executive committee shall appoint two~~
15 ~~members of the commission.~~
 - 16 e. ~~The North Dakota township officers association executive board of directors shall~~
17 ~~appoint one member of the commission.~~
 - 18 d. ~~The North Dakota recreation and park association executive board shall appoint~~
19 ~~one member of the commission.~~
 - 20 e. ~~The North Dakota school boards association board of directors shall appoint one~~
21 ~~member of the commission.~~
 - 22 f. ~~The governor or the governor's designee is a member of the commission.~~
 - 23 g. ~~The legislative management shall appoint four members of the legislative~~
24 ~~assembly as members of the commission~~ issues assigned by the legislative

- 1 management based on a study directive of a legislative bill or resolution and
2 appoint to each task force representatives of political subdivisions and members
3 of the legislative assembly. The majority of the members of any task force
4 appointed must be members of the legislative assembly.
- 5 2. The legislative management shall designate the chairman and vice chairman and the
6 study directive of the commissioneach task force.
- 7 3. All members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first
8 of each odd-numbered year, and may be reappointed for additional terms.
- 9 4. If any member of the commission resigns or ceases to be a member of the class the
10 member represents, that person's membership on the commission ceases
11 immediately and the appropriate appointing authority may appoint a new member for
12 the remainder of the term.
- 13 5. The ~~commission~~Each task force shall meet at least semiannuallyat the call of its
14 chairman.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **54-35.2-02. Functions and duties.**

18 ~~The advisory commission~~Each task force on intergovernmental relationsissues shall:

- 19 1. Serve serve as a forum for the discussion of resolution of intergovernmental
20 problemsissues relating to its study directive.
- 21 2. Engage in activities and studies relating to the following subjects:
- 22 a. Local governmental structure.
- 23 b. Fiscal and other powers and functions of local governments.
- 24 c. Relationships between and among local governments and the state or any other
25 government.
- 26 d. Allocation of state and local resources.
- 27 e. Interstate issues involving local governments, including cooperation with
28 appropriate authorities of other states.
- 29 f. Statutory changes required to implement commission recommendations.
- 30 3. Present reports and recommended legislative bills to the legislative management for
31 consideration in the same manner as legislative management interim committees.

1 4. Prepare model ordinances or resolutions for consideration by officials of political
2 subdivisions.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **54-35.2-03. Staff services.**

6 The advisory commission ~~Each task force~~ on intergovernmental relations ~~issues~~ may request
7 provision of appropriate staff services from the legislative council.

8 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **54-35.2-04. Finances Compensation and expenses.**

11 1. A member of the advisory commission ~~task force~~ on intergovernmental relations ~~issues~~
12 who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive, from funds available to the
13 commission ~~task force~~, compensation per day for each day spent in attendance at
14 commission ~~task force~~ meetings in the same amount as provided for members of interim
15 committees of the legislative management and reimbursement for travel and other necessary
16 expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the amounts provided by law for other
17 state officers. Members of the advisory commission ~~task force~~ on intergovernmental
18 relations ~~issues~~ who are appointed by an organization representing represent political
19 subdivisions may be reimbursed for attendance at commission ~~task force~~ meetings by the
20 organization by which they were appointed they represent.

21 2. The commission may apply for, contract for, receive, and expend for its purposes any
22 appropriation or grant from any public or private source.

23 3. Political subdivisions of the state may appropriate funds to the commission to share in
24 the cost of its operations.

25 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **54-35.2-05. Reports.**

28 The advisory commission ~~Each task force~~ on intergovernmental relations ~~issues~~ shall report
29 its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the
30 recommendations to the legislative management at the time and in the manner reports are
31 made by interim committees of the legislative management. The legislative management may

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- 1 ~~accept, reject, or amend the report of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations.~~
- 2 ~~The legislative management shall include the report, or any portion of it, as accepted, rejected,~~
- 3 ~~or amended, in the legislative management's final report. Copies of the report of the advisory~~
- 4 ~~commission on intergovernmental relations, as accepted, rejected, or amended by the~~
- 5 ~~legislative management, must be available to counties, cities, townships, appropriate state~~
- 6 ~~departments and agencies, and the public~~by the deadline provided by the legislative
- 7 management when the task force was appointed.