

HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

Introduced by

Representatives Owens, K. Koppelman, Olson, Streyle, Klemin, Marschall

Senators Laffen, Hogue

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the confidentiality of property and debt listing information of the
3 parties to a divorce.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Property and debt listing information confidential - Exception.**

- 8 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, the property and debt listing of the parties
9 to a divorce which is filed with the court or included in a judgment for divorce is a
10 confidential record.
- 11 2. Upon providing written notice to all parties, any person may file a motion, supported by
12 affidavit showing good cause, for access to the property and debt listing contained in a
13 judgment for divorce.
- 14 3. The court shall allow access to the property and debt listing, or relevant portions of the
15 information, if the court finds the public interest in granting access or the personal
16 interest of the person seeking access outweighs the privacy interests of the parties or
17 the parties' dependent children. In granting access the court may impose conditions
18 necessary to balance the interests consistent with this subsection.