

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1397**

Introduced by

Representatives Toman, Rick C. Becker, Ertelt, Johnston, Kading, B. Koppelman, Olson, Simons

Senators O. Larsen, Myrdal

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the introduction of bills by executive branch agencies and the judicial  
3 branch.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Introduction of bills by executive branch agencies and the judicial branch.**

- 8 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and sections 54-44.1-06, 54-44.1-06.1,  
9 and 54-44.1-07, executive branch agencies and the judicial branch may not submit  
10 legislative bills for introduction to the legislative assembly.
- 11 2. The judicial branch shall submit a bill including the budget request of the judicial  
12 branch to the legislative council within seven days after adjournment of each  
13 organizational session.
- 14 3. An executive branch agency or the judicial branch may submit a legislative bill for  
15 introduction if requested by a legislative management committee or if requested or  
16 authorized by a standing committee of the legislative assembly. Any bill introduced  
17 under this subsection must be deemed to be introduced by the legislative  
18 management or the standing committee that requested or authorized the introduction  
19 of the bill.
- 20 4. An executive branch agency or the judicial branch may request a member of the  
21 legislative assembly to introduce a bill on behalf of the agency or the judicial branch. A  
22 bill introduced under this subsection by a member of the legislative assembly also  
23 must specify the name of the requesting entity.