

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069
(Judiciary Committee)
(At the request of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to confidentiality provisions applicable to the commission on legal counsel for indigents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-61-04. Records, files, and information - Accessibility - Confidentiality.

~~Any~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, any file, record, or information regarding representation of a party under sections 54-61-01 through 54-61-03 which ~~are~~is attorney work-product or otherwise subject to any attorney-client privilege ~~are~~is confidential and may not be disclosed except in accordance with a court order or in response to applicable discovery rules. ~~Any file, record, or information regarding representation of a party under this chapter which is attorney work product or otherwise subject to any attorney-client privilege may be disclosed to the party to whom representation was provided, the attorney who provided the representation, and newly assigned counsel with consent of the represented party.~~ All other case-related records are exempt from disclosure except as otherwise provided in rules adopted by the commission. Information or records obtained by the commission relating to allegations of misconduct by an attorney in the employ of, or providing indigent services for, the commission are exempt from disclosure except as otherwise provided in rules adopted by the commission unless and until the matter is referred for formal disposition under rules adopted by the supreme court.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1069.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 0 Absent 8

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State