

SENATE BILL NO. 2154

Introduced by

Senators LaFountain, Thane, Thompson

Representatives Brown, Kerzman, Sabby

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 tribal delegates in the legislative assembly.

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

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

6 **Legislative assembly - Tribal delegates.** The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa,
7 Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Three Affiliated Tribes are each entitled
8 to a delegate to the house of representatives and a delegate to the senate. The tribal delegates
9 must be elected at large by the enrolled members of each tribe residing within the boundaries of
10 the reservations and adjacent Indian country, including dependent Indian communities and
11 allotments. The delegates must be elected for a term of four years beginning in 1998. The
12 tribal delegates shall serve as nonvoting members of the house of representatives and the
13 senate, but may serve on standing committees and may, with the consent of the presiding
14 officer in each house, participate in debate on the floor of the house of representatives and the
15 senate. Compensation and expense reimbursement of the tribal delegates is the responsibility
16 of the tribes electing the delegates; however, the tribal delegates are entitled to other state
17 services provided to members of the legislative assembly for the conduct of official business.