

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2187

Introduced by

Senators W. Stenehjem, Mathern, G. Nelson

Representatives Boucher, Dorso

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the use of state telephones by state appointed and elected officials  
3 and state employees; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Use of state telephones by state officials and employees.** Notwithstanding any  
8 other provision of law, an appointed or elected state official or a state employee may use a  
9 state telephone to receive or place a local call for essential personal purposes to the extent that  
10 use does not interfere with the functions of the official's or employee's agency, department, or  
11 institution. When an appointed or elected state official or state employee is away from the  
12 official's or employee's residence for official state business and long-distance tolls would apply  
13 for the official or employee to call the official's or employee's city of residence, the official or  
14 employee is entitled to make at least one long-distance call per day at state expense. Each  
15 state agency, department, or institution may establish guidelines defining reasonable and  
16 appropriate use of state telephones for essential personal purposes.

17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.