

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2402

Introduced by

Senators Marcellais, Heckaman, Warner

Representatives Boucher, Charging

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to extension of the committee on tribal and state relations; and to provide an effective
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-35-23. (Effective through July 31, ~~2007~~ 2009) Committee on tribal and state**
8 **relations - Membership - Duties.**

- 9 1. The committee on tribal and state relations is composed of seven members as
10 follows:
 - 11 a. The chairman of the legislative council or the chairman's designee;
 - 12 b. Three members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be
13 selected by the leader representing the majority faction of the house of
14 representatives and one of whom must be selected by the leader
15 representing the minority faction of the house of representatives; and
 - 16 c. Three members of the senate, two of whom must be selected by the leader
17 representing the majority faction of the senate and one of whom must be
18 selected by the leader representing the minority faction of the senate.
- 19 2. The chairman of the legislative council, or the chairman's designee, shall serve as
20 chairman of the committee.
- 21 3. The committee shall meet at such times and places as determined by the
22 chairman. The legislative council shall provide staffing for the committee.
- 23 4. The committee shall conduct joint meetings with the native American tribal citizens'
24 task force to study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government

- 1 relations, the delivery of services, case management services, child support
2 enforcement, and issues related to the promotion of economic development. After
3 the joint meetings have concluded, the committee shall meet to prepare a report
4 on its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
5 implement those recommendations, to the legislative council.
- 6 5. The members of the committee are entitled to compensation from the legislative
7 council for attendance at committee meetings at the rate provided for members of
8 the legislative assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings and are
9 entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the meetings in the
10 amounts provided by law for other state officers.
- 11 6. a. The native American tribal citizens' task force is composed of six members as
12 follows:
- 13 a. (1) The executive director of the Indian affairs commission, or the
14 executive director's designee;
- 15 b. (2) The chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's
16 designee;
- 17 c. (3) The chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe, or the chairman's designee;
- 18 d. (4) The chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, or the chairman's
19 designee;
- 20 e. (5) The chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, or the
21 chairman's designee; and
- 22 f. (6) The chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's
23 designee.
- 24 b. If the executive director of the Indian affairs commission or any of the tribal
25 chairmen appoint a designee to serve on the task force, only one individual
26 may serve as that designee during the biennium. A substitute designee may
27 be appointed by the executive director of the Indian affairs commission or a
28 tribal chairman in the event of the death, incapacity, resignation, or refusal to
29 serve of the initial designee.