

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1463
(Representatives Wolf, Clark, Myxter)
(Senators Flakoll, Robinson, Seymour)

AN ACT to create and enact four new sections to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a state youth council; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota youth council - Creation.

1. The North Dakota youth council consists of:
 - a. Sixteen individuals appointed by the governor;
 - b. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives;
 - c. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
 - d. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
 - e. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and
 - f. The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as the chairman.
2. At the time of appointment, the individuals appointed by the governor must:
 - a. Be at least seventeen years of age but may not have reached the age of twenty-five;
 - b. Be residents of this state; and
 - c. Include representation from:
 - (1) Diverse social, economic, and ethnic groups;
 - (2) Rural and urban areas; and
 - (3) Each of the areas designated by the governor's executive order 1978-12, dated October 5, 1978.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Youth council chairman - Meetings. The North Dakota youth council shall meet twice each year, at the call of the chairman. The meetings may be conducted using audioconferencing or videoconferencing facilities available in state agencies, institutions of higher education, school districts, or other political subdivisions.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Youth council powers. The North Dakota youth council may accept gifts, grants, and donations of money, property, and services to carry out this Act. The council may form subcommittees to explore its various issues and concerns and complete its duties as set forth in section 4 of this Act. The subcommittees may hold regional meetings in any of the areas designated by the governor's executive order 1978-12 dated October 5, 1978.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Youth council duties. The North Dakota youth council shall develop a list of issues and concerns pertinent to residents of this state who have not yet reached the age of twenty-five. The list may include education, health care, employment opportunities, and quality of life issues such as recreation and entertainment. The council, on its own and in conjunction with any guests it elects to invite, shall explore its issues and concerns, review current situations, and develop recommendations for consideration by local, regional, and state-level policymakers. The council shall provide a report and any recommendations to the legislative council before September 1, 2010.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through June 30, 2011, and after that date is ineffective.

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-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1463.

House Vote: Yeas 59 Nays 31 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 8 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

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Secretary of State