

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

SENATE BILL NO. 2300
(Senators Unruh, Cook, Poolman)
(Representatives Delzer, Guggisberg, Headland)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-35.2-01, 54-35.2-02, 54-35.2-03, 54-35.2-04, and 54-35.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transforming the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations into legislative management appointed task forces on intergovernmental issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35.2-01. ~~Advisory commission~~Task force on intergovernmental relationsissues - Membership -~~Terms~~ - Meetings.

1. The ~~advisory commission~~legislative management may appoint task forces on intergovernmental relations ~~consists of twelve members:~~
 - a. ~~The North Dakota league of cities executive committee shall appoint two members of the commission.~~
 - b. ~~The North Dakota association of counties executive committee shall appoint two members of the commission.~~
 - c. ~~The North Dakota township officers association executive board of directors shall appoint one member of the commission.~~
 - d. ~~The North Dakota recreation and park association executive board shall appoint one member of the commission.~~
 - e. ~~The North Dakota school boards association board of directors shall appoint one member of the commission.~~
 - f. ~~The governor or the governor's designee is a member of the commission.~~
 - g. The legislative management shall appoint four members of the legislative assembly as members of the commission issues assigned by the legislative management based on a study directive of a legislative bill or resolution and may appoint to each task force representatives of political subdivisions, the governor or the governor's designee, and members of the legislative assembly. The majority of the members of any task force appointed must be members of the legislative assembly. Task force appointees as representatives of political subdivisions may be selected from nominees of the North Dakota league of cities, association of counties, township officers association, recreation and park association, and school boards association.
2. The legislative management shall designate the chairman and vice chairman and the study directive of the commission each task force.
3. ~~All members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years, beginning July first of each odd-numbered year, and may be reappointed for additional terms.~~

4. ~~If any member of the commission resigns or ceases to be a member of the class the member represents, that person's membership on the commission ceases immediately and the appropriate appointing authority may appoint a new member for the remainder of the term.~~
5. ~~The commission~~Each task force shall meet at least semiannually at the call of its chairman.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35.2-02. Functions and duties.

~~The advisory commission~~Each task force on intergovernmental relations issues shall:

1. ~~Serve~~ serve as a forum for the discussion of resolution of intergovernmental ~~problems~~issues relating to its study directive.
2. Engage in activities and studies relating to the following subjects:
 - a. ~~Local governmental structure.~~
 - b. ~~Fiscal and other powers and functions of local governments.~~
 - c. ~~Relationships between and among local governments and the state or any other government.~~
 - d. ~~Allocation of state and local resources.~~
 - e. ~~Interstate issues involving local governments, including cooperation with appropriate authorities of other states.~~
 - f. ~~Statutory changes required to implement commission recommendations.~~
3. ~~Present reports and recommended legislative bills to the legislative management for consideration in the same manner as legislative management interim committees.~~
4. ~~Prepare model ordinances or resolutions for consideration by officials of political subdivisions.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35.2-03. Staff services.

~~The advisory commission~~Each task force on intergovernmental relations issues may request provision of appropriate staff services from the legislative council.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35.2-04. FinancesCompensation and expenses.

1. A member of the ~~advisory commission~~task force on intergovernmental relations issues who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive, from funds available to the ~~commission~~task force, compensation per day for each day spent in attendance at ~~commission~~task force meetings in the same amount as provided for members of interim committees of the legislative management and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the amounts provided by law for other state officers. Members of the ~~advisory commission~~task force on intergovernmental relations issues who are ~~appointed by an organization representing~~represent political subdivisions may be reimbursed for attendance at ~~commission~~task force meetings by the organization ~~by which they were appointed~~they represent.

2. ~~The commission may apply for, contract for, receive, and expend for its purposes any appropriation or grant from any public or private source.~~
3. ~~Political subdivisions of the state may appropriate funds to the commission to share in the cost of its operations.~~

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35.2-05. Reports.

~~The advisory commission~~Each task force on intergovernmental relations~~issues~~ shall report its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations to the legislative management at the time and in the manner reports are made by interim committees of the legislative management. The legislative management may accept, reject, or amend the report of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations. The legislative management shall include the report, or any portion of it, as accepted, rejected, or amended, in the legislative management's final report. Copies of the report of the advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, as accepted, rejected, or amended by the legislative management, must be available to counties, cities, townships, appropriate state departments and agencies, and the public by the deadline provided by the legislative management when the task force was appointed. A majority of the members of each task force and a majority of the legislative assembly members of each task force must vote in favor of any proposed legislation before the proposed legislation may be recommended to the legislative management.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2300.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 80 Nays 9 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State