

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
 2 ~~relating to school board authority following approval of a reorganization plan.~~ for an Act to
 3 amend and reenact section 15.1-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school
 4 board authority following approval of a reorganization plan.

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.~~ Section 15.1-12-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
 7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 ~~15.1-12-14. School district reorganization -- School boards -- Assumption of duties --~~
 9 ~~Approval to contract or obligate the district.~~

10 ~~1. Upon approval of a reorganization plan by the electors, in accordance with section~~
 11 ~~15.1-12-11, a school board for the reorganized district must be elected at the next~~
 12 ~~regular school district election or at a special election called by the county~~
 13 ~~superintendent of schools for that purpose. The first school board election in a newly~~
 14 ~~reorganized district is governed by chapter 15.1-09.~~

15 ~~2. Members of newly formed school boards representing reorganized districts may not~~
 16 ~~enter upon the duties of office until the time specified in section 15.1-12-18, except as~~
 17 ~~provided in sections 15.1-12-15 and 15.1-12-16. Before the completion of~~

18 ~~3. During the period between the approval of a reorganization plan by the electors, in~~
 19 ~~accordance with section 15.1-12-11, and the effective date of the reorganization, the~~
 20 ~~board of an existing district that is part of the reorganization plan may not contract or~~
 21 ~~obligate the district, except with the approval of the~~ ~~from:~~

22 ~~a. The county committee or unless authorized by law, following a hearing; or~~

23 ~~b. The existing board of each school district that is part of the reorganization~~
 24 ~~plan.~~

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2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15.1-12-14. School district reorganization - School boards - Assumption of duties -**
4 **Approval of expenditures - Contracts.**

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6 15.1-12-11, a school board for the reorganized district must be elected at the next
7 regular school district election or at a special election called by the county
8 superintendent of schools for that purpose. The first school board election in a newly
9 reorganized district is governed by chapter 15.1-09.
- 10 2. Members of newly formed school boards representing reorganized districts may not
11 enter upon the duties of office until the time specified in section 15.1-12-18, except as
12 provided in sections 15.1-12-15 and 15.1-12-16. ~~Before the completion of a~~
13 ~~reorganization, the board of an existing district may not contract or obligate the district,~~
14 ~~except with the approval of the county committee or unless authorized by law.~~
- 15 3. Unless otherwise directed by law or by the reorganization plan, between the date on
16 which the reorganization is approved and the date on which the reorganization
17 becomes effective, the board of a school district participating in the reorganization
18 must obtain written consent from the board of every other school district participating
19 in the reorganization before it:
- 20 a. Enters into any new contract, whether oral or written, which financially obligates
21 the district;
- 22 b. Renews any existing contract, whether oral or written, which financially obligates
23 the district; or
- 24 c. Purchases any goods or services, whether in a single or in multiple transactions,
25 if the total value of the goods or services exceeds three thousand dollars.