

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1418

Introduced by

Representatives Mock, Beadle, Maragos

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~  
2 ~~relating to publishing and preserving statements of interests.~~for an Act to provide for a  
3 legislative management study of statements of interests.

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

5 ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.~~ Section 16.1-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 ~~16.1-09-05. Powers and duties of the secretary of state and county and city auditors.~~

8 ~~1. The secretary of state, or the county or city auditor, when appropriate shall:~~

9 ~~1. a. Accept and file any statement submitted pursuant to this chapter.~~

10 ~~2. b. Make statements filed available for public inspection and copying during regular~~  
11 ~~office hours. A reasonable fee may be charged to cover the cost of copying.~~  
12 ~~Proceeds from any fees charged must be deposited in the general fund of the~~  
13 ~~appropriate governmental entity.~~

14 ~~3. c. Preserve statements filed under this chapter for the term of office to which the~~  
15 ~~person making disclosure is elected or appointed or until a new statement is filed~~  
16 ~~and preserve statements filed pursuant to this chapter by those candidates who~~  
17 ~~are not elected or appointed for a period of one year at least ten years after the~~  
18 ~~date of receipt.~~

19 ~~2. The secretary of state shall make each statement filed under this chapter with the~~  
20 ~~secretary of state available on the internet to the public free of charge within fourteen~~  
21 ~~days after filing.~~

22 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATEMENTS OF INTERESTS.

23 During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the purpose  
24 and content of statements of interests and the forms and information required to be filed,

1 including the appropriate financial interests and other necessary content. The study must  
2 include consideration of whether supplementary statements or updates of information are  
3 necessary and a determination as to who is required to file statements of interest and who  
4 should be filing statements of interest. The study also must include a review of filing deadlines  
5 and consideration of how long records should be retained. The legislative management shall  
6 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
7 recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.