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Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2148**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding article XIV of the
2 Constitution of North Dakota and related issues.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ETHICS COMMISSION AND**
5 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESPONSIBILITIES.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative
6 management shall study the implementation and requirements of article XIV of the Constitution
7 of North Dakota concerning the transparency of funding sources, lobbyists, conflicts of interest,
8 and related matters, the responsibilities of the legislative assembly and the ethics commission,
9 and potential issues under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North
10 Dakota. The members of the ethics commission must be invited to participate on the study
11 committee as nonvoting members. The study must include a review of existing laws and laws
12 enacted to implement article XIV and consideration of whether the civil and criminal sanctions
13 for violations of the constitutional provisions and the statutes are appropriate; whether
14 legislative action regarding article XIV is necessary or desirable; and an effective means to
15 educate public officials, lobbyists, and the public on the requirements of article XIV and other
16 laws regarding government ethics. The legislative management shall report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations,
18 to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.