

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2148
(Senator Mathern)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding article XIV of the Constitution of North Dakota and related issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2148.

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 5 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 2 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State