

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1270

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Blum, Boschee, Dockter, Heinert, Keiser, Meier, Nathe, Roers
Jones

Senators Dever, Dwyer, Oban

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 5 of section 16.1-04-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to required consultations with political parties and legislators before
3 establishing or altering polling places; and to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section
4 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements to establish or alter
5 precinct boundaries.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 16.1-04-01 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 2. When establishing or altering the boundaries of precincts under subsection 1, a board
10 of county commissioners, in cooperation with the county auditor, or a city governing
11 body shall consult with and seek input regarding the size, number, and proposed
12 boundaries of the precincts from representatives of the political parties organized
13 within the county and from members of the legislative assembly from the districts that
14 would be affected. The boundaries of established precincts may not be altered ~~later~~
15 ~~than the~~after May fifteenth ~~immediately preceding an~~following the last preceding
16 general election in legislative districts that have organized by precinct under chapter
17 16.1-03. Upon the request of the district chairman of a political party, a board of county
18 commissioners, in consultation with the county auditor, or the governing body of a city
19 shall consider proposals to change precinct boundaries.

20 **SECTION 2.** Subsection 5 of section 16.1-04-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 created and enacted as follows:

22 5. Polling places may not be designated or altered without consulting with and seeking
23 input from representatives of political parties organized within the county and from

- 1 members of the legislative assembly from the districts that would be affected.
- 2 However, an emergency alteration of a polling place made less than one week before
- 3 the election is exempt from this subsection.