

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1171**

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Kasper, Steiner, Thomas

Senator O. Larsen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-11.1-01 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring a physical polling place for mail ballot elections.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-11.1-01 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. The board of county commissioners of a county may conduct an election by mail  
7 ballot. The mail ballot election must include city elections administered by the county  
8 auditor and may include any other election administered by the county auditor  
9 pursuant to an agreement with the governing body of a political subdivision within the  
10 county. The board shall designate one or more polling places in the county to be open  
11 on the day of the election for voting in the usual manner. The requirement for one or  
12 more polling places in the county to be open on the day of the election for voting in the  
13 usual manner may not be suspended or modified except by legislative enactment. The  
14 county auditor shall place a notice at all polling places in the county used at the last  
15 statewide election which states the location of the polling places open for the election.  
16 The county auditor shall keep a record of each mail ballot provided to qualified  
17 electors and provide to the election board at each polling place open on the day of the  
18 election a list of every person who applied for a mail ballot.