

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1256**

Introduced by

Representatives Magrum, Christensen, Fegley

Senator Heitkamp

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 and a new section to  
2 chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to endorsements and  
3 contributions by the governor and a prohibition on using nonpublic funds for elections  
4 operations; and to provide a penalty.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Use of nonpublic funds prohibited.**

9 The state and political subdivisions may not solicit, accept, or use any grants or donations  
10 from private persons for elections operations or administration.

11 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 created and enacted as follows:

13 **Endorsements and contributions by the governor - Prohibition.**

14 The governor may not endorse or make contributions, directly or indirectly, to a candidate  
15 for an office of a member of the legislative assembly.