2019 Legislative Drafting Seminar
Amendments to Bills and Resolutions

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Before you pick up your red pen. . .
amend, vb. 1. To make right; to correct or rectify . . . . 2. To change the wording of; specif., to alter (a statute, constitution, etc.) formally by adding or deleting a provision or by modifying the wording . . . .

Black’s Law Dictionary (7th Ed.)
WHO

Friend or Foe
Lobbyist

- NDCC Section 54-05.1-02 requires most people to register as lobbyists if they:
  1. attempt to secure the passage, amendment, or defeat of any legislation by the Legislative Assembly or the approval or veto of any legislation by the Governor; or
  2. attempt to influence decisions made by the Legislative Management or by an interim committee of the Legislative Management

- Exceptions
- Secretary of State
### 2019 Legislative Deadlines

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<td>December 3-5, 2018 (Monday through Wednesday)</td>
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<td>Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council</td>
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<td>Session begins (State of the State Address)</td>
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<td>Deadline for Representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each Senator after this date. A Senate bill containing an appropriation clause may not be introduced after this date.</td>
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1 Based on rules of the 65th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 7, 2016.
2 Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03-102.
3 In 2017 the House and Senate did not have the State of the Judiciary Address or the Tribal-State Relationship Message.
4 In 2017 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington’s Birthday, and Good Friday.
5 In 2017 the House and Senate made crossover on the 38th legislative day, Thursday, February 23.
6 Article IV, Section 7, of the Constitution of North Dakota limits regular sessions to 80 natural days during a biennium and defines a “natural day” as a period of 24 consecutive hours. House and Senate Rules 104 provide that a legislative day begins at 7:00 a.m., so each legislative day ends at 7:00 a.m. the following day.
WHERE

Until the legislature no longer has possession of the bill or resolution

• First or second house – before or after crossover
• Standing committee
• Appropriations committee
• Senate floor amendment
• Conference committee
WHY?

Change bill or resolution – Identified bill or resolution

Insert new substance – Unidentified bill
• Bill introduction deadline passed
• Revive language of failed bill
This is your BFF for 80 Legislative Days

www.legis.nd.gov/legislative-drafting-manual
Why do you care about this minutiae?
Words Have Meaning

YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD
I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
CONSTITUTION OF NORTH DAKOTA – SECTION 13

“. . . no bill may be amended . . . in a manner which changes its general subject matter. No bill may embrace more than one subject, which must be expressed in its title; but a law violating this provision is invalid only to the extent the subject is not so expressed.”

*NDLDM page 6
PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

SUBJECT MATTER

• Workers’ compensation

• PERS

• State land exchange

• Health insurance mandate

*NDLDM page 9
Questions?
Pick up that red pen. . . seriously. . . this is not the time to go paperless. . . .
respondent is a person requiring treatment, or makes no conclusion thereon, the court shall set a date for hearing and shall give notice of hearing to the persons designated in section 25-03.1-12. If the respondent is in custody and is alleged to be suffering from mental illness or a combination of mental illness and chemical dependency, the preliminary hearing date must be within four days, exclusive of weekends and holidays, of the date respondent was taken into custody through emergency commitment under section 25-03.1-25 unless a delay or continuance is concurred in by the respondent or unless extended by the magistrate for good cause shown. If a preliminary hearing is not required, the treatment hearing must be held within four days, exclusive of weekends and holidays, of the date the court received the expert examiner's report, not to exceed fourteen days from the time the petition was served.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 25-03.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25-03.1-16. Medication pending treatment order.

A patient who has requested release or a person who is the subject of a petition for treatment has the right to refuse medication and other forms of treatment before the preliminary or treatment hearing. However, a physician may prescribe medication or a less restrictive alternative if it is necessary to prevent bodily harm to the respondent or others or to prevent imminent deterioration of the respondent's physical or mental condition. The patient has the right to be free of the effects of medication at the preliminary or treatment hearing by discontinuation of medication no later than twenty-four hours before the hearing unless, in the opinion of the prescribing physician, the need for medication still exists or discontinuation would hamper the respondent's preparation for and participation in the proceedings.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 25-03.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25-03.1-17. Involuntary treatment - Right to preliminary hearing.

A respondent who is in custody under section 25-03.1-25 and who is alleged to be mentally ill or to be suffering from a combination of chemical dependency and mental illness is entitled to a preliminary hearing. At the preliminary hearing the magistrate shall review the medical report.

During the hearing the petitioner and the respondent must be afforded an opportunity to testify and to present and cross-examine witnesses, and the court may receive the testimony of any
Amendments = Bill Drafting 2.0

Bill and resolution drafting rules . . . PLUS

• Bill Version

• Amendment Format

• Types of Amendments
Amend proper bill version

- Correct version = version in the custody of committee clerk

- Most recent version on LC website is not necessarily the correct version to amend
  - Never amend “marked-up version” aka Christmas Tree
  - Never amend “with” Senate, House, or Conference Committee amendments

TIP: If you don’t know which version to amend:
- NDLDM pages 65-66
- Check with committee clerk
- Ask someone who knows

*NDLDM pages 61 and 65-67
## Bill Versions for HB 1040

Send me to Bill No. (9999): [Go!](#)

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Questions?
AMENDMENT FORMAT

Format amendment by citation to page and line numbers

• Each change is listed in a separate amendment “transaction”

• Changes are addressed in order: from top to bottom, left to right

TIP: Print a copy of the bill, grab a red pen, open your copy of the NDLDM, pop some popcorn, and physically mark up the changes you wish to make

*NDLDM pages 61-64
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2344

Page 1, line 4, after the fifth comma insert "and"

Page 1, line 4, remove ",", and 19-24-42"

Page 6, line 3, replace "usable marijuana" with "dried leaves or flowers of the plant of genus cannabis in a combustible delivery form"

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Page 6, line 4, remove "The allowable"

Page 6, remove line 5

Page 6, line 6 replace "marijuana, such as ingredients added to prepare a liquid delivery form" with "A registered qualifying patient may not purchase or have purchased by a registered caregiver more than ten grams of liquid, including oil, or pill delivery form of marijuana with a maximum delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of thirty percent in a thirty-day period and may not possess more than fifteen grams of liquid, including oil, or pill delivery form of marijuana with a maximum delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of thirty percent at any time"

Page 6, line 25, after the second underscored comma insert "member, manager, governor,"

Page 7, line 11, after the underscored semicolon insert "and"

Page 7, line 21, remove ": and"

Page 7, remove line 22

Page 7, line 23, remove "the department"

Page 8, line 17, replace "twenty-one" with "nineteen"

Page 8, line 30, after "specialist" insert "or must be a pediatrician working in consultation with one of these pediatric specialists"

Page 9, line 12, after the second "marijuana" insert "or the dried leaves or flowers of the plant of the genus cannabis in a combustible delivery form"

Page 9, line 13, replace "the dried leaves or flowers of the plant" with "marijuana infused food"

Page 9, line 21, after "of" insert "useable"

Page 9, line 22, after the underscored period insert "If the physician authorizes the use of dried leaves or flowers of the plant of the genus cannabis in a combustible delivery form, the written certification must include an attestation in the physician's professional opinion no other form of usable marijuana would be effective in providing the patient therapeutic or palliative benefits."

Page 10, line 29, after "nonrefundable" insert "annual"

Page 10, line 29, after "fee" insert "of two hundred dollars"
AMENDMENT FORMAT

- Multiple transactions per line
- Whole words and numerals
- Word repeated in line – “first” and “second”
- Seek to save language
- Reference to punctuation
  - Page 5, line 20, after the underscored period, insert . . .
  - Page 5, line 26, replace the underscored period with an underscored colon
  - Page 5, line 26, replace “annually:” with an underscored period
- Multiple lines
  - Page 3, replace lines 6 through 14 with . . .
  - Page 8, remove the overstrike over lines 12 through 15
- Multiple pages
  - Page 2, remove lines 1 through 30
  - Page 3, remove lines 1 through 30
# AMENDMENT FORMAT

## TERMINOLOGY

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UNDERSCORING and OVERSTRIKING

Language or numeral added or removed by amendment is not underscored or overstruck unless it must be underscored or overstruck in the bill.

*NDLDM pages 13 and 61
AMENDMENT FORMAT

NOT underscored or overstruck:

- Title
- Bill clause, such as amending or creating clause
- Special clause, such as repeal, appropriation, or effective date clause
- Removal of new NDCC text
- Resolution
A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 34-14-09.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to withholding of awarded paid time off; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 34-14-09.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

34-14-09.2. Limitations on accrued paid time off - Investigation.
1. If an employee separates from employment voluntarily, a private employer may withhold payment for accrued paid time off if:
   a. At the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of accrued paid time off;
   b. The employee has been employed by the employer for less than one year; and
   c. The employee gave the employer less than five days' written or verbal notice.
2. If an employee separates from employment, a private employer may withhold payment for paid time off that has been awarded by the employer but not yet earned by the employee, if at the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of awarded paid time off.
3. As provided under section 34-14-05, an employee may report a violation under this section. If a report of violation is made within thirty days of the alleged violation, the labor commissioner shall investigate the merits of the claim. If a report is made more than thirty days following the alleged violation, the commissioner may investigate the merits of the claim.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. This Act applies to separations from employment which occur on or after the effective date of this Act.
Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by
Representatives Devlin, Hofstad, D. Johnson, Vigesaa
Senators Heckaman, Oehlke

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the impact on owners of
land that has been inundated by rising waters in Devils Lake and Stump Lake.
WHEREAS, Devils Lake and Stump Lake have inundated land once owned by landowners
surrounding the lakes; and
WHEREAS, as the navigable waters increased the inundated land became sovereign land
of the state, which deprives the previous owner of the ownership and use of the land; and
WHEREAS, landowners with land taken by the rising lakes want to ensure that when the
lakes recede the land returns to the landowners; and
WHEREAS, some landowners have paid property taxes on inundated land for many years
in the hope of regaining ownership when the water recedes and some have been required to do
so because the surface area of land used for the assessment determination for property tax
application does not take into account the current and exact boundary of the lake; and
WHEREAS, the surrounding landowners have suffered extreme hardship from loss of use
and ownership of their land and the added burden of paying property taxes on it, but have not
received any compensation from the state or federal government;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
That the Legislative Management study the impact on owners of land that has been
inundated by rising waters in Devils Lake and Stump Lake; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.
AMENDMENT FORMAT

North Dakota Century Code

- **Underscore** when creating new NDCC text
- **Overstrike** when taking out existing NDCC text
- Proposed new text is not overstruck when taken out – “remove” or “replace”
- Reinstatement of existing NDCC text – “remove overstrike” or remove entire section from bill

TIP: Changes are always made “after” a word or line, never before
TIP Illustrations

TIP: If removing or overstriking AND at the same location adding additional language, the language added comes AFTER the language taken out - Single transaction

Page 1, line 6, replace “section” with “sections”

Page 2, line 14, overstrike “twelve months” and insert immediately thereafter “one year”

Page 2, line 14, replace the first “thirty” with “twenty-five”
“Renumber accordingly”

EVERY set of amendments ends with this instruction directing Legislative Council to renumber sections of the bill if necessary

- This instruction does NOT change bill section cross-references, which may be found in new NDCC text or special clauses, such as effective date clauses and appropriation clauses

- This instruction does NOT renumber NDCC sections or correct NDCC cross-references

STOP This says you’ve reached the end of the amendment

*NDLDM page 64
The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the agency's base budget for the 2017-19 biennium. The veterans' home project in chapter 53 of the 2009 Session Laws which was continued into the 2011-13 biennium and the 2013-15 biennium under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the 2013-15 biennium and may be continued into the 2015-17 biennium for paying expenses of the veterans' home construction project.

SECTION 4. FUNDING TRANSFER - EXCEPTION - AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the veterans' home may transfer up to $132,500 from the operating expenses line item to the capital assets line item, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The veterans' home shall notify the office of management and budget of any transfer made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 5. SHOP ADDITION PROJECT. The veterans' home may use up to $786,200 from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, litigation proceeds or other funds for the cost of construction of a shop addition for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. Sections 4 and 5 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.
Questions?
TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

BILL TITLE

• Amend the bill title if adding, removing, or replacing a section
• Do NOT underscore language added to the bill title
• Do NOT overstrike language removed from the bill title
• “Insert” or “replace” or “remove”

TIP: Don’t forget to review “relating to” language if subject matter changes and to review special language such as a penalty, continuing appropriation, or report to Legislative Management clause

TIP: Reviewing the bill title should be one of the final steps of amendment drafting. Remember Section 13 of the Constitution

*NDLDM pages 11-12 and 61
AMENDING OR CREATING CLAUSE

• Do NOT underscore language added to an amending or creating clause

• Do NOT overstrike language removed from an amending or creating clause

• “Insert” or “replace” or “remove”

*NDLDM page 61
A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 11-09-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of a county manager.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Two new subsections to section 11-09-12 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

Keep a separate true and correct account of the receipts and expenditures of each fund of the county.

Produce at any meeting of the board of county commissioners or of any committee appointed to examine the county manager's accounts, whenever ordered to do so by the board of county commissioners, all of the books and papers pertaining to the county manager's office.

NOTE: An extra line space is inserted between the two subsections to identify the break between the subsections.
CORRECTING INTERNAL REFERENCES

If a section of a bill or a section or subsection of NDCC is added, removed, or renumbered by amendment, check cross-references within bill and entire NDCC.

TIP: Checking for changes to bill and NDCC cross-references should be one of the final steps of amendment drafting.

*NDLDM page 61
TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE

Adding new text to NDCC = underscore

Taking out existing text from NDCC = overstrike

TIP: If both adding and taking out, overstrike first and then insert.

*NDLDM page 62
TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE

Adding NDCC text

- Insert in an existing section of the bill creating or amending

- Insert a new section to the bill to create or amend
  - Place new section in proper position in bill
  - TIP: Remember to correct bill title and check cross-references within bill

*NDLDM pages 11-21 and 62-63
Adding NDCC text – Existing Section

Page 2, line 18, after "receipt" insert "or the certificate of a member of the legislative assembly"
Adding NDCC Text – New Section

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reports by the tax commissioner to the budget section regarding the auditing enhancement program and settlements of tax assessments; and"

Page 5, after line 14, insert:

"SECTION 7. A new section to chapter 57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Reports on auditing enhancement program and settlement of tax assessments.
The tax commissioner shall submit reports quarterly to the budget section on the progress made in collecting additional tax revenues under the auditing enhancement program and on settlements of tax assessments. For any settlements of tax assessments made during the quarterly period the reports must contain:

1. The amount assessed and the date assessed.
2. The amount collected and the date of collection.
3. An explanation of efforts to finalize collection, including information regarding negotiations."

Renumber accordingly

Locate correct placement of new bill section within bill
Update bill title
Insert new section creating new section to NDCC
TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE

Reinstating existing NDCC text proposed to be removed
• Remove overstrike
• Remove entire section from bill
• Remove repeal section from bill

TIP: Once you remove the overstrike, make sure section of bill still contains substantive changes. If no substantive changes remaining, remove section from bill

*NDLDM page 62
TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

REMOVING PROPOSED NEW NDCC TEXT

• Remove new language

• Remove entire section from bill

TIP: Once again, review section to make sure remaining section contains substantive changes

*NDLDM page 62
Exercises
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Page 1, line 2, replace "accrued" with "awarded"
Page 1, line 7, remove ", whether"
Page 1, line 7, remove "or involuntarily"
Page 1, line 8, remove the overstrike over the overstruck colon
Page 1, line 9, remove the overstrike over "a: At"
Page 1, line 9, remove "at"
Page 1, line 10, remove the overstrike over the overstruck semicolon
Page 1, remove the overstrike over line11
Page 1, line 12, remove the overstrike over "e: The employee gave the employer less than five days' written or verbal notice"

Page 1, line 13, after "2." insert "If an employee separates from employment, a private employer may withhold payment for paid time off that has been awarded by the employer but not yet earned by the employee, if at the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of awarded paid time off.

3.

Renumber accordingly
FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives Ruby, Rick C. Becker, Kasper, Looser

Senators Campbell, Hogue, Laffen

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 34-14-09.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to withholding of paid time off; and to provide for application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 34-14-09.2 of the Code, as amended and reenacted as follows:

34-14-09.2. Limitations on paid time off - Investigation.

1. If an employee separates from employment voluntarily, a private employer may withhold payment for accrued paid time off if:
   a. At the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of accrued paid time off;
   b. The employee has been employed by the employer for less than one year; and
   c. The employee gave the employer less than five days' written or verbal notice.

2. If an employee separates from employment, a private employer may withhold payment for paid time off that has been awarded by the employer but not yet earned by the employee, if at the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of awarded paid time off.

3. As provided under section 34-14-05, an employee may report a violation under this section. If a report of violation is made within thirty days of the alleged violation, the labor commissioner shall investigate the merits of the claim. If a report is made more than thirty days following the alleged violation, the commissioner may investigate the merits of the claim.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. This Act applies to separations from employment which occur on or after the effective date of this Act.
Questions?
BONUS DRAFTING TIPS

DEFINITIONS

- Adding a definition
  - Keep definitions in alphabetical order
  - Renumber
  - Check whether a definition is needed – does an applicable definition already exist?
    - Check cross-references (ENTIRE NDCC)

- Amending a definition – check whether NDCC uses this definition in other laws

- Removing a definition
  - Renumber
  - Check cross-references (ENTIRE NDCC)

TIP: When drafting, avoid use of cross-references to subsections
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2233

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of public improvement issues relating to use of multiple bids versus single prime bids, bidding thresholds, design services thresholds, and indemnification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying public improvement issues relating to use of multiple bids versus single prime bids, bidding thresholds, design services thresholds, and indemnification. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly.
Amendments to bills that have been amended but not engrossed – typically second house

Conference committee amendments

*NDLDM pages 65-66
QUESTIONS?

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- Rt. Hon. Lord Oliver of Alymerton