

MICROFILM DIVIDER

OMB/RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
SFN 2053 (2/85) 5M



ROLL NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

1327

2001 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1327

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1327

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-9-01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
	xx		100--2530
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Dever</i>			

Minutes: Chair Froseth opened the hearing on HB1327 relating to compensation of township officers.

Rep. Bruce Eckre Dist. 25 : Here to support this bill, and Mr. Hoime will answer any questions.

Brian Hoime, ND Township Officers Assoc. : testified in support. This is a simple bill. (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY) We are changing the rate from \$15 to \$20 and the allowable maximum from \$450 to \$600 in a given year.

Rep. Herbel :(375) In line 6, are you saying what the rate would be?

Brian : Yes, it is not to exceed \$600 in one year. It can be less, just not over \$600. We are the only state that has a limit, by statute, as to what the compensation can be. We want a mileage change from \$.20/mile to \$.34 1/2/mile.

Chair Froseth : This would allow for compensation for 30 days in one year. How many times per year do township officers meet?

Brian : Generally the supervisors meet more often. 7 meetings we have to attend. I don't know of anyone meeting 30 times in one year.

Rep. Delmore : (625) Who of the five decide what the rate is set at.

Brian : The supervisors meet and prepare a budget for the year. They write down what they feel the salaries will be for the year. At the annual meeting the salaries are voted on by electors.

Rep. Delmore : In most townships, is the money available for a raise like this?

Brian : I believe there is some flexibility. If we need to put money somewhere else, that is what we will do.

Rep. Aarsvold, Dist. 20 : testified in support of HB1327. I'm here today as township clerk/treasurer of Greenfield Township. I'm a 24 year resident and have been clerk/treasurer all that time. I am here to tell you that township government is a bargain. In my township we have had 10 FEMA declarations in 24 years. I spend at least 10 days a year on township business. I'm wondering if we need to amend this bill to provide for a modest additional compensation for those townships who combine position of clerk/treasurer. The additional responsibility may need additional compensation. Committee will discuss this. Also, we employ a full time assessor and there is not provision in this section to address this salary. This is a valuable position.

Brian : I need to clarify the assessor issue. The assessor receives compensation self determined by the board of county supervisors. They also receive \$.20/mile travel reimbursement for duties. In section 2 of the bill, bottom line, in townships where there is clerk/treasurer combined position, the compensation is for what the clerk salary is.

Rep. Delmore : How many townships do we have with combined clerk/treasurer?

Brian : We have approximately 1345 townships in the state. Don't know the number of combined.

Rep. Disrud : (1450) I think this is good legislation. How will this bill affect township budget?

Brian : I'm not really sure. A lot of people are over worked. In my township, there probably won't be any change.

Rep. N. Johnson : (1725) If you are working as a clerk/treasurer, you only get paid as a clerk. Does the clerk use up the full \$600 a year?

Brian ; The reason we have clerk/treasurer in general is that it's an accounting procedure. A bill first goes through the clerk, who records it, then write out the check and sends it to treasurer to sign, also. We have three lines per check for signatures. Less chance of fraud this way. They may use 2-3 more days.

Rep. Herbel : (2150) Can you have \$1200 aggregate Rep. Aarsvold?

Rep. Aarsvold : No, only one salary, by law. This is the salary for the clerk.

Rep. Grosz : (2255) There are 1345 townships and how many positions in each?

Brian : At a minimum there are three supervisors, a clerk, a treasurer, and an assessor. The clerk and treasurer can be combined. The assessor can be appointed. In larger townships, you may have up to 5 supervisors.

Rep. N. Johnson : I was wondering if allowing 5 additional days at regular pay for the clerk/treasurer would be fair.

Brian : This committee will have to determine what if fair. I have no opposition to that.

Chair Froseth : Any more testimony for or against? Hearing none, HB1327 is closed.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1327 b

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-15-01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		xx	4900--5590
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pamela</i>			

Minutes: Chair Froseth : Let's take up HB1327. I think Rep. Eckre has amendments.

Rep. Eckre : We included what the committee talked about and I think this is a good bill with the amendments.

Rep. Grosz : Just for fun I figured what a fiscal would be for all township and other political subdivision board members included in this bill. By my calculation, it should be just under \$1 M.

Rep. Delmore : Thank you Rep. Grosz for being such a good accountant. I don't think all of the people accept their raises though, but they do want the mileage rate increase.

Rep. Maragos : I move a **DO PASS ON AMENDMENTS.**

Rep. Eckre : I second.

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES. AMENDMENTS PASSED.

Rep. Eckre : I move a **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Rep. Delmore : I second.

VOTE: 12 YES and 1 NO with 2 absent. BILL PASSED. Rep. Eckre will carry.

Proposed Amendments for House Bill No. 1327

Page 1, line 1 after the second comma insert: "58-08-01," and replace "58-08-01" with "58-09-02"

Page 2, after line 13 insert:

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 58-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-09-02. Compensation of assessor. The township assessor shall receive as compensation for his services a sum determined by the board of township supervisors for the time actually and necessarily employed in making and completing the assessment of the township and ~~twenty cents per mile [1.61 kilometers]~~ mileage at a rate not exceeding the allowable mileage rate accepted by the United States internal revenue service for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of ~~his~~ the assessors duties. The compensation must be paid out of the township treasury upon an itemized statement setting forth the actual time spent in the work of assessor, approved by the board of township supervisors.

February 15, 2001

VR
2/15/01

HOUSE AMENDMENTS to HB1327 HOUSE POL. SUBS 2-16-01
Page 1, line 1, remove the second "and" and after "58-08-01" insert ", and 58-09-02"

HOUSE AMENDMENTS to HB 1327 HOUSE POL. SUBS 2-16-01
Page 2, after line 13, insert:

"SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 58-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-09-02. Compensation of assessor. The township assessor ~~shall receive~~ is entitled to compensation for services ~~a~~ in the sum determined by the board of township supervisors for the time actually and necessarily employed in making and completing the assessment of the township and ~~twenty cents per mile [1.61 kilometers]~~ mileage at a rate not exceeding the allowable mileage rate accepted by the United States internal revenue service for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of the duties of office. The compensation must be paid out of the township treasury upon an itemized statement setting forth the actual time spent in the work of assessor, approved by the board of township supervisors."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-9-01 Vote 2-15-01
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1327

House POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS Committee _____

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 18290.0101 0200

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Eckre Seconded By Rep. Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	/		Rep. Wayne W. Tieman	/	
Vice-Chair Dale C. Severson	/				
Rep. Lois Delmore	/				
Rep. Rachael Disrud	/				
Rep. Bruce Eckre	/				
Rep. Mary Ekstrom	/				
Rep. April Fairfield	AB				
Rep. Michael Grosz	/	/			
Rep. Jane Gunter	/				
Rep. Gil Herbel	/				
Rep. Nancy Johnson	/				
Rep. William E. Kretschmar	/				
Rep. Carol A. Niemeier	AB				
Rep. Andrew G. Maragos	/				

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 2 AB

Floor Assignment Rep. Eckre

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1327: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1327 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, remove the second "and" and after "58-08-01" insert ", and 58-09-02"

Page 2, after line 13, insert:

"SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 58-09-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

58-09-02. Compensation of assessor. The township assessor ~~shall receive~~ as is entitled to compensation for services ~~and in the~~ sum determined by the board of township supervisors for the time actually and necessarily employed in making and completing the assessment of the township and ~~twenty cents per mile [1.61 kilometers]~~ mileage at a rate not exceeding the allowable mileage rate accepted by the United States Internal revenue service for each mile [1.61 kilometers] necessarily traveled in the performance of the duties of office. The compensation must be paid out of the township treasury upon an itemized statement setting forth the actual time spent in the work of assessor, approved by the board of township supervisors."

Renumber accordingly

2001 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1327

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1327

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 8, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	52.5-53.6
2	X		0.0- 7.8
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary Jo Weber</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on HB1327 which relates to compensation of township officers.

REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE ECKRE: Introduced and testified in favor of HB1327. I put this bill in at the request of the Township Association. REPRESENTATIVE OLLIE AARSVOLD: Appearing as Clerk/ Treasurer of Greenfield Township, Traill County, ND. I am retiring on March 20 on our annual meeting and after 24 years it is going to be a problem to find what to do on the third Tuesday of March. Currently in our township, we pay all of our officers a combined expense and salary in the amount of \$250 and we've been doing that for 24 years since I took that position. Now, it would bear with me, Greenfield Township has had 10 FEMA disaster declarations in the last 20 years. For any of you who have been involved with FEMA whether it be in a metropolitan area like Grand Forks or in a rural township like Greenfield in Traill County, it take incredible amount of time to go through the process of appraising all those sites and having folks from the agency come out and go through those sites with you and determine

