

## STATUTORY INTERIM COMMITTEES

Nine of the interim committees during the current biennium have been created by statute. Seven of these committees are Legislative Council committees and two are commissions that have legislative

membership and are staffed by the Legislative Council staff. The following table identifies the statutory committees and provides other relevant information about each of them:

Committee	Year of Enactment	Statutory Citation	Expiration Date (If Any)
Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee	1965	North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-35-02.1	None
Employee Benefits Programs Committee	1977	NDCC Section 54-35-02.3	None
Administrative Rules Committee	1979	NDCC Section 54-35-02.5	None
Garrison Diversion Overview Committee	1981	NDCC Section 54-35-02.7	None
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations	1989	NDCC Section 54-35.2-01	None
Regulatory Reform Review Commission	1989	NDCC Section 49-21-22.2	2003 <sup>1</sup>
Legislative Ethics Committee	1995	NDCC Section 54-35-02.8	None
Electric Industry Competition Committee	1997	NDCC Section 54-35-18.1	August 1, 2003
Information Technology Committee	1999	NDCC Section 54-35-15.1	None

<sup>1</sup> The Regulatory Reform Review Commission is recommending a bill to extend the life of the commission to 2005.

As is evident from this table, the number of statutory interim committees has grown dramatically in recent years. In 1979, two of 23 interim committees or 9 percent of interim committees were statutory committees. In 1989, four of 21 interim committees or 19 percent of interim committees were statutory committees. Today, nine of 24 interim committees or 38 percent of interim committees are statutory

committees. As the Legislative Management Committee serves as the Legislative Ethics Committee, the statute providing for the Ethics Committee has not resulted in the creation or staffing of an additional committee. Not counting the Legislative Ethics Committee, eight of 24 interim committees are statutory committees, which constitute 33 percent of the interim committees.