

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2327  
(Senators Dever, J. Lee, Wanzek, Dotzenrod)  
(Representatives Koppelman, Weiler)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of state or political subdivision services or property for political purposes; and to provide a penalty.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 16.1-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. "Political purpose" means any activity undertaken in support of or in opposition to a statewide initiated or referred measure, a constitutional amendment or measure, a political subdivision ballot measure, or the election or nomination of a candidate to public office and includes using "vote for", "oppose", or any similar support or opposition language in any advertisement whether the activity is undertaken by a candidate, a political committee, a political party, or any person. In the period thirty days before a primary election and sixty days before a special or general election, "political purpose" also means any activity in which a candidate's name, office, district, or any term meaning the same as "incumbent" or "challenger" is used in support of or in opposition to the election or nomination of a candidate to public office. The term does not include activities undertaken in the performance of a duty of a state public office or a position taken in any bona fide news story, commentary, or editorial. Factual information may be presented regarding a ballot question solely for the purpose of educating voters if the information does not advocate for or against or otherwise reflect a position on the adoption or rejection of the ballot question.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2327.

Senate Vote:      Yeas 46      Nays 1      Absent 0

House Vote:      Yeas 74      Nays 20      Absent 0

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State