## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1348**

Introduced by

Representatives Holman, Devlin, J. Nelson, Pollert Senators Dotzenrod, Erbele, Heckaman

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-08 and section
- 2 16.1-11.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to delivery of absent voters' ballots and
- 3 mail ballots.

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## 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-08 of the North Dakota
Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

Upon Except as otherwise required under this chapter for a covered voter as defined in section 16.1-07-18, upon receipt of an application for an official ballot properly filled out and duly signed, or as soon thereafter as the official ballot for the precinct in whichthe applicant resides has been prepared, but no earlier than twenty-one days before the election, the county auditor, city auditor, or business manager of the school district, as the case may be, shall send to the absent voter by mail, at the expense of the political subdivision conducting the election, one official ballot, or personally deliver the ballot to the applicant or the applicant's agent, which agent may not, at that time, be a candidate for any office to be voted upon by the absent voter. The agent shall sign the agent's name before receiving the ballot and deposit with the auditor or business manager of the school district, as the case may be, authorization in writing from the applicant to receive the ballot or according to requirements set forth for signature by mark. The auditor or business manager of the school district, as the case may be, may not provide an absent voter's ballot to a person acting as an agent who cannot provide a signed, written authorization from an applicant. No person may receive compensation, including money, goods, or services, for acting as an agent for an elector, nor may a person act as an agent for more than four electors in any one

1	election. A voter voting by absentee ballot may not require the political subdivision
2	providing the ballot to bear the expense of the return postage for an absentee ballot.
3	SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 16.1-11.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4	amended and reenacted as follows:
5	16.1-11.1-03. Mail ballot distribution.
3	The Unless otherwise required by law, no earlier than twenty-one days before the election,
7	the county auditor shall mail an official mail ballot with a return identification envelope, voter's
3	affidavit, and instructions according to section 16.1-07-08.