Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2278

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Larson

Representatives Christensen, Karls, Klemin

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding municipal courts and
- 2 judges.

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

4 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MUNICIPAL COURTS.

- During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the laws and procedures relating to courts established under chapter 40-18. The study must include an examination of the:
- a. Number and geographic location of existing municipal courts;
 - b. Access to municipal court ordinances;
- 10 c. Jurisdiction of the municipal courts;
- d. Municipal court judge qualifications and training;
- 12 e. Transfer of cases to district court;
- f. Appeal of cases to district court;
 - g. Supreme court general oversight of municipal courts;
- 15 h. Applicability of judicial administrative rules to municipal courts;
- i. Requirements for recording proceedings in municipal court; and
- j. Requirements to report information to the supreme court on the establishment or abolition of a court, the election, appointment and removal of municipal court judges and clerks, and annual caseload data and annual financial information on the imposition, collection, and disposition of fines and fees.
 - 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.