

ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 181

S. B. No. 73
(Holand)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

AN ACT

To divide the state of North Dakota into two congressional districts, and defining the boundaries thereof.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. State Divided Into Two Districts.) The state of North Dakota is hereby divided into two congressional districts, each of which is entitled to elect one representative to the Congress of the United States.

§ 2. First District Defined.) The counties of Pembina, Cavalier, Towner, Rolette, Walsh, Ramsey, Benson, Pierce, Grand Forks, Nelson, Eddy, Traill, Steele, Griggs, Foster, Cass, Barnes, Stutsman, Richland, Ransom, LaMoure, Sargent, and Dickey shall constitute the first congressional district.

§ 3. Second District Defined.) The counties of Bottineau, Renville, Burke, Divide, McHenry, Ward, Mountrail, Williams, Wells, Sheridan, McLean, Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Kidder, Burleigh, Oliver, Billings, Golden Valley, Morton, Stark, Logan, Emmons, Grant, Hettinger, Slope, McIntosh, Sioux, Adams, and Bowman shall constitute the second congressional district.

Approved March 10, 1959.

CHAPTER 182

H. B. No. 605

(Wheeler, Johnston, Baldwin, Haugland)

REGISTRATION OF ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOTS
ON VOTING MACHINES

AN ACT

Providing for registering absent voters' ballots on voting machines.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1.) Absent voters' ballots, if any, shall be registered on the voting machines by two election officials of opposed interests, if such there be, otherwise by any two election officials. The voting of absent voters' ballots on the voting machines shall be done in secrecy by the two election officials during the voting day at such intervals as are available when machines are not in use by voters.

Approved March 4, 1959.

CHAPTER 183

H. B. No. 599

(Einarson, Streibel, Halcrow)

(Berntson, Christopher, Leet)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND INITIATED AND
REFERRED MEASURES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 16-1107 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to constitutional amendments and initiated and referred measures.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. **Amendment.** Section 16-1107 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1107. Constitutional Amendments and Initiated and Referred Measures; Placed on Separate Ballots; Publishing.) Constitutional amendments duly certified to the county auditor

by the secretary of state, or any question to be voted for aside from the election of public officers, shall be printed on a separate ballot and shall be deposited in a box separate from that provided to receive the ballots for public officers. A constitutional amendment, initiated or referred measure, or other question shall be stated fully and fairly on such ballot. Immediately preceding the constitutional amendment or initiated or referred measure on the ballot, the secretary of state shall cause to be printed a short concise statement in bold face type, which statement shall fairly represent the substance of the constitutional amendment or the initiated or referred measure. The attorney general shall approve all such statements written by the secretary of state. The words "Yes" and "No" shall be printed on the ballot at the close of the statement of the question, in separate lines with a square formed of black lines after each statement in which the voter may indicate by a cross or other mark how he desires to vote on the question. Where two or more amendments or questions are to be voted on, they shall be printed on the same ballot. In precincts in which voting machines are used, the entire amendment or measure need not be set forth on such machine but the ballot title, in the case of amendments or measures submitted by the people, or the title of the legislative bill or resolution, in the case of proposed amendments submitted by the legislative assembly, shall be set forth in full.

Approved March 11, 1959.

CHAPTER 184

H. B. No. 643

(Saugstad and Schmalenberger)

MEETINGS OF COUNTY COMMITTEES AND STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact sections 16-1710, 16-1712, and 16-1715 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to the meetings of the county committees and the state central committees.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. Amendment.) Section 16-1710 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1710. Meeting of County Committee; Organization.) The county committee of each party shall meet at a place desig-

nated by the county auditor at the county seat at any hour between the hours of two o'clock p. m. and eight o'clock p. m. on the second Monday in July following the primary election. The exact hour shall be set by the existing county committee chairman. The county committee shall organize by:

1. Selecting a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer;
2. Adopting rules and modes of procedure not in conflict with law; and
3. Selecting an executive committee consisting of from five to eleven persons chosen from the county committee. The chairman and secretary of the county committee shall be members of the executive committee.

In counties having more than one legislative district, each legislative district is entitled to representation on the county executive committee apportioned in the ratio which the number of precinct committeemen each legislative district may have bears to the total number of precinct committeemen in the county, and shall be selected by the precinct committeemen from each legislative district meeting separately.

§ 2. **Amendment.)** Section 16-1712 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1712. Selection of Delegate to State Committee When Two or More Counties Embraced in Legislative District.) When two or more counties are embraced in one legislative district, the county committee of each county shall meet as provided in section 16-1710 and shall elect a committee of three of its members to meet with a similar committee from the other county or counties comprising such legislative district, at the courthouse at the county seat of the senior county of such district, at two o'clock p. m. on the Friday following the meeting provided for in section 16-1710, and shall proceed to elect a member of the state central committee from such legislative district. Each such county committee shall be entitled to cast votes equal to the number of precinct committeemen elected in its county in such manner and for such candidate as shall be determined by the majority of such committee acting personally or by proxy.

§ 3. **Amendment.)** Section 16-1715 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1715. State Central Committee: Meetings of; Organization; Vacancies.) Members elected as state central committeemen shall meet on the third Wednesday in July following the primary election. Such meeting shall be held at the state

capitol and shall convene at ten o'clock a. m. Such committees shall organize by selecting a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer and by adopting rules and modes of procedure. The officers elected need not be members of such committee. A vacancy on the state central committee shall be filled by a majority of the state central committee by appointment from the legislative district in which the vacancy exists.

Approved March 14, 1959.

CHAPTER 185

S. B. No. 288
(Vendsel)

STATE PARTY CONVENTION MEETINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact sections 16-1716 and 16-1717 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to dates for meeting of state party conventions.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. **Amendment.**) Section 16-1716 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1716. Meeting of Precinct Committeemen of County to Elect Delegates to State Party Convention: Proxies.) At two o'clock p. m. on the second Monday in March in each presidential election year, the precinct committeemen of each county shall meet at the county seat to elect delegates to a state party convention to be held as provided in this chapter. One delegate shall be elected for each three hundred votes or majority fraction thereof cast in such county at the last preceding presidential election for the candidates for presidential electors of such party, but every county shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Delegates shall be electors of their county. If any delegate shall be unable to attend such convention, he shall designate in writing an alternate to attend and represent and act for him. In counties having more than one legislative district, the precinct committeemen from each legislative district, meeting separately, shall elect delegates to the state party convention. One delegate shall be elected for each three hundred votes, or major fraction thereof, cast in said legislative district at the last preceding presidential election for the candidates for presidential elector of such party, but each legislative district shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

§ 2. **Amendment.**) Section 16-1717 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-1717. State Party Convention; Held When.) The state party conventions shall be held in each presidential year prior to the fifteenth day of April of such year at such place and at such time as shall be designated by the party state central committee.

Approved March 10, 1959.

CHAPTER 186

H. B. No. 693
(Fitch)

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 16-20171 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to the disclosure of name of sponsor in political advertisements.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. **Amendment.**) Section 16-20171 of the 1957 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16-20171. Political Advertisements to Disclose Name of Sponsor.) From and after the passage of this section, each and every political advertisement, whether on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, initiated measure or constitutional amendment, and whether such advertisement shall be by newspaper, pamphlet or folder, display cards, signs, posters or billboard advertisements, or by any other public means, shall disclose at the bottom of same the name or names of the sponsors of such advertisement, and the name or names of the person, persons, associations, partnerships or corporations paying for such advertisement, except however, this section shall not apply to campaign buttons. At the close of every radio broadcast containing any advertising announcements or talk for or against any initiated measure or constitutional amendment to be voted on by the people, there shall be announced at the close of said broadcast the name or names of the person, persons, associations, partnerships or corporations paying for such radio broadcast.

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