

TOWNSHIPS

CHAPTER 564

HOUSE BILL NO. 1391
(Weber)

ORGANIZATION OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 58-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the organization of annual or special township meetings.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 58-04-05 of the 1973 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

58-04-05. ORGANIZATION OF ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETINGS.) The electors present on the day of the annual or special meeting shall be called to order by the township clerk, or, if he is not present, the voters may elect by acclamation one of their number to act as chairman for the purpose of calling the meeting to order and to act as clerk after the selection of a moderator. The voters shall elect by acclamation three of their number as judges, and such judges shall be sworn and shall act as the judges of the qualifications of township electors. The electors shall proceed to choose one of their number to preside as moderator of the meeting. The clerk of the township, if present, or in his absence, the clerk of the meeting, shall keep full minutes of its proceedings in which he shall enter at length every order, direction, rule, and regulation made by the meeting. Meeting and voting hours of an annual or special meeting shall be optional with the township board from one o'clock p.m. to five o'clock p.m. or from seven o'clock p.m. to ten o'clock p.m., provided proper notice is given under the provisions of this chapter. However, for a meeting beginning at one o'clock p.m., the township board, either upon its own resolution, or upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty percent of the township voters who voted in the last township election, shall extend the meeting and voting hours to eight o'clock p.m. The positions of moderator, clerk, and the three judges shall be separate and distinct positions and no such positions shall be held by the same person. The moderator, clerk, and the three judges each shall be entitled to a salary of eight dollars per day for each day actually expended in the performance of their duties. Such salary shall be paid out of township funds made available for such purpose. However, in those townships in which the offices of township clerk and treasurer have been merged, the person holding such office shall receive compensation as provided by law as township treasurer only, and shall not receive additional compensation for his duties as clerk.

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CHAPTER 565

HOUSE BILL NO. 1588
(Laughlin, Lang, Weber)

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S TERM

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 58-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the term of office for township assessor, and to amend and reenact section 58-05-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to appointment of township assessor.

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

SECTION 1.) A new section to chapter 58-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is hereby created and enacted to read as follows:

ELECTED ASSESSOR - COMMENCEMENT OF TERM OF OFFICE.) In any township in which an assessor is elected at the annual township meeting, the term of office of the assessor elected at such meeting shall commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding his election.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.) Section 58-05-18 of the 1973 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

58-05-18. WHEN COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR.) If a township assessor is elected or appointed and fails or refuses to qualify or to discharge the duties of his office, or if the electors of a township have provided that the assessor shall be elected but fail for any reason to elect an assessor, and the board of township supervisors and the board of county commissioners fail or refuse to appoint such officer for the township on or before the fifteenth day of February of the year for which he is to serve or if the electors of a township have authorized the assessment to be contracted for as provided in section 58-05-02 and the board of township supervisors fails or refuses to enter into such a contract by the fifteenth day of February, the county auditor shall appoint an assessor for the township.

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