

TOWNSHIPS

CHAPTER 660

HOUSE BILL NO. 1352
(W. Williams)

HOURS OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 58-04-05 and 58-06-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the hours for township annual or special meetings and meetings of township boards of supervisors.

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

* SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 58-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

58-04-05. Organization of annual or special meetings. The qualified 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 qualified electors 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 qualified electors 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~~ the qualified electors of the township. The qualified 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 p.m. to five p.m. or from seven p.m. to ten p.m.~~, provided proper notice is given under the provisions of this chapter. ~~However, for a meeting beginning at one 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 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.

* NOTE: Section 58-04-05 was also amended by section 117 of House Bill No. 1059, chapter 235.

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.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 58-06-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

58-06-05. Where meetings of board of supervisors held. The regular meetings of the board of township supervisors shall be held at the office of the township clerk or at the usual place for holding the annual township meetings if there is one. ~~It shall meet not later than ten a.m. and shall not adjourn before four p.m.~~

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