

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1313  
(Representatives Kasper, Bellew, Bosch, Lefor, Monson, D. Ruby, Vigesaa)  
(Senators Bekkedahl, Hogue, Klein, Kreun, Meyer)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-35-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the chairman and vice chairman of the legislative management; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-35-06. Officers - Accept funds - Expenditures.**

1. The legislative management ~~shall select a chairman~~ must be the majority leader of one house of the legislative assembly, or the majority leader's designee, and ~~the vice chairman from its own members and~~ must be the majority leader of the opposite house of the legislative assembly, or the majority leader's designee. The legislative management may prescribe its own rules of procedure.
2. The legislative management chairman shall serve a two-year term beginning at the adjournment of each regular legislative session. The chairman may not be a member of the same house of the legislative assembly for consecutive terms. The vice chairman may not be a member of the same house of the legislative assembly as the chairman.
3. The legislative management may appoint a secretary who need not be a member, and shall appoint a director ~~who must~~ be in charge of the legislative council ~~and who must be paid such.~~ The director is entitled to a salary asset by the legislative management may determine. The director may employ ~~such~~ persons and obtain the assistance of ~~such~~ research agencies ~~as determined necessary.~~ The director may use available funds for salary adjustments to assist with staff recruitment, retention, and recognition of exceptional performance. The legislative management and the legislative council may accept and use any funds made available through ~~the terms of any~~ agreement made with any agency ~~whatsoever~~ for the ~~accomplishment~~ of the purpose of this chapter. Expenditures of funds made available by legislative appropriation must be made in accordance with rules or motions duly approved by the legislative management.

**SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** The chairman of the legislative management beginning at the adjournment of the 2023 legislative session must be the majority leader of the house of representatives.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Dennis Johnson  
Speaker of the House

Tammy Hill  
President of the Senate

Buell F. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

Chanda Morgan  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1313 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 80 Nays 13 Absent 1

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This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 36 Nays 10 Absent 1

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Chanda Morgan  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 8:58 AM. on April 28, 2023.

Approved at 10:07 AM. on May 8, 2023.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

Filed in this office this 9 day of May, 2023,

at 1:09 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State