

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

(Representatives Kasper, Headland, Heinert, Koppelman, Lefor, Louser, Monson, Rohr, Steiner)
(Senators Meyer, Paulson, Vedaa)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-66 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative assembly conflict of interest rules; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-66 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Conflicts of interest - Legislative assembly.

1. Each legislative assembly shall adopt conflict of interest rules. The rules must:
 - a. Require the disclosure by a member of a potential conflict of interest relating to any bill in which the member may have a direct, unique, substantial, or individual interest.
 - b. Ensure a mechanism is in place to record each disclosure and make it readily available to the public.
2. If the legislative assembly adopts rules under subsection 1 which are at least as restrictive as the conflict of interest rules adopted by the ethics commission, the disclosure process portion of the conflict of interest rules adopted by the ethics commission may not apply to members of the legislative assembly.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. House Rule 321, Senate Rule 321, and associated rules relating to conflicts of interest of legislators, as enacted by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, are at least as restrictive as the conflict of interest rules adopted by the ethics commission and control conflict of interest disclosure for members of the legislative assembly.

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

Dennis E. Johnson
Speaker of the House

Tammy Jellin
President of the Senate

Buell T. Reel
Chief Clerk of the House

Brandi 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. 1485 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 0 Absent 0

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

Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 5 Absent 1

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Brandi Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 9:58 AM on April 4, 2023.

Approved at 8:56 PM on April 6, 2023.

Doug Burgin
Governor

Filed in this office this 10th day of April, 2023,

at 8:47 o'clock A M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State