

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1224  
(Representatives Klemin, Louser, S. Olson, Tveit, Vetter)  
(Senators Cory, Hogue, Larson, Sickler)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 30.1-23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the administration of small estates.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 30.1-23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**30.1-23-01. (3-1201) Collection of personal property by affidavit.**

1. Thirty days after the death of a decedent, any person indebted to the decedent or having possession of tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action belonging to the decedent shall make payment of the indebtedness or deliver the tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock, or chose in action to a person claiming to be the successor of the decedent upon being presented an affidavit made by or on behalf of the successor stating that:
  - a. The value of the entire estate subject to distribution or succession under chapters 30.1-01 through 30.1-23, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed fftyone hundred thousand dollars.
  - b. Thirty days have elapsed since the death of the decedent.
  - c. An application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is not pending or has not been granted in any jurisdiction.
  - d. The claiming successor is entitled to payment or delivery of the property.
2. A transfer agent of any security shall change the registered ownership on the books of a corporation or limited liability company from the decedent to the successor upon the presentation of an affidavit as provided in subsection 1.

Robi Weis  
Speaker of the House

Michelle L. Strieder  
President of the Senate

Bruce J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

Sharon Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1224.

House Vote:      Yeas 88              Nays 0              Absent 6

Senate Vote:      Yeas 47              Nays 0              Absent 0

Bruce J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 3:30 P M. on March 18, 2025.

Approved at 4:44 P M. on March 19, 2025.

[Signature]  
Governor

Filed in this office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025,  
at 4:02 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State