

December 7, 2024

# Advocacy 101

Make your voice heard in the ND Legislative Session



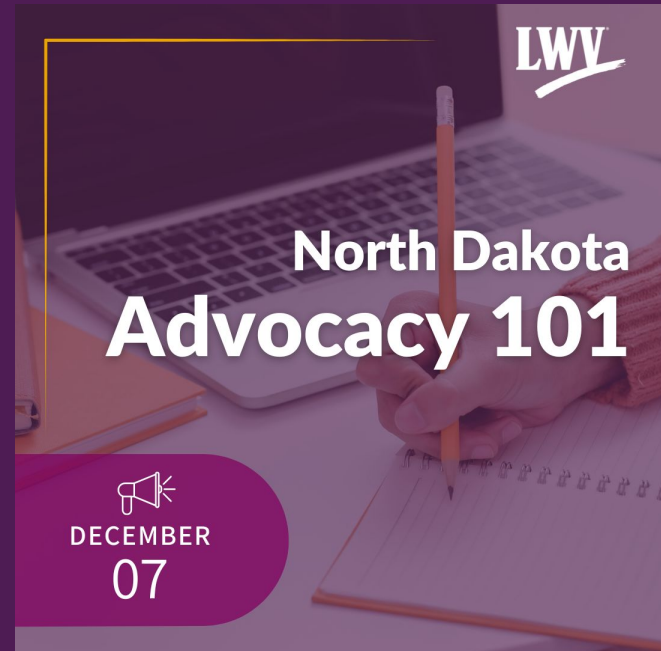
League of Women Voters  
Advocacy Team

# Housekeeping

- The training will be recorded
- Training & slides will be sent to you
- Please stay on mute and put your questions in the chat
- Q&A at the end

# Advocacy 101 Agenda

- Basics of the State Legislature
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- Using the Legislative Website
- Preparing Your Testimony
- L WVND Advocacy & Resources
- Questions



# League of Women Voters of North Dakota

- The League began in 1920 after women were granted the right to vote
- Nonpartisan, grassroots membership organization
- The League does not support or oppose candidates or political parties
- Chapters in Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo-Moorhead, and Minot, and at-large members across the state



# Basics of the State Legislature

141 Citizens Making Our Laws

# Three Branches of Government



Legislative



House of  
Representatives



Senate



Executive

ND Governor  
Departments & Agencies  
State Employees



Judicial

ND Supreme Court  
District Courts  
Municipal Courts

# What Do State Legislators Do?

- Create state laws & set the state budget
- Meet to make laws: **Legislative Session**
  - January - April in odd numbered years
  - This is where you can take action
- Represent their constituents
  - They want and need to hear from you



# Who's in Our State Legislature?

47 Senators



94 Representatives

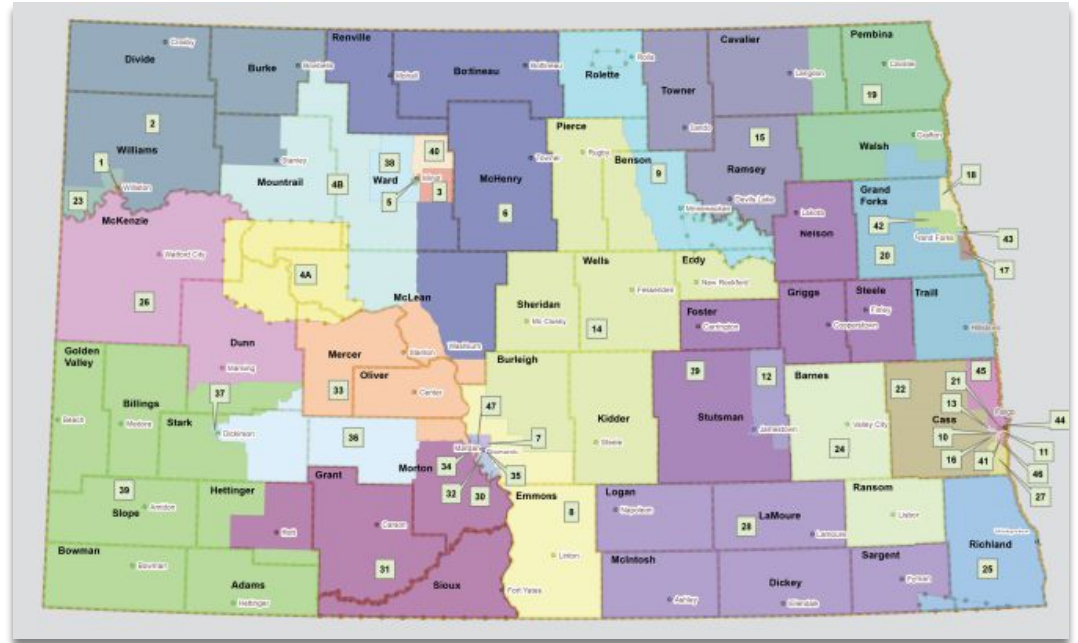


- 89% Republican and 11% Dem-NPL
- 25% Women
- 4 Native Legislators
- Common Occupations: Retirees, Farmers & Ranchers, Business Owners

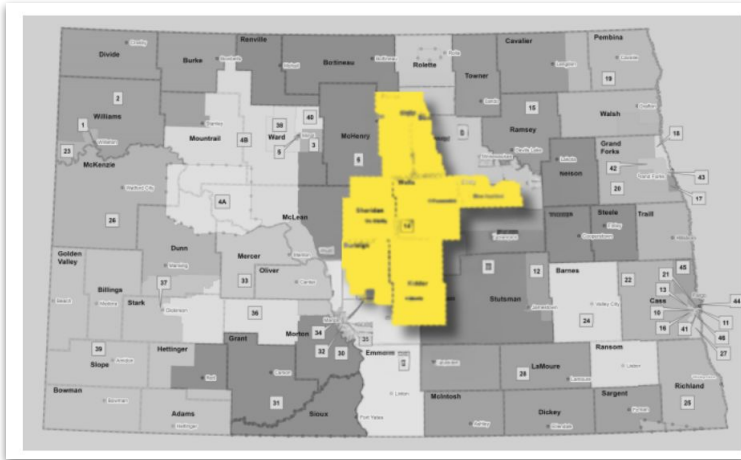


# How Do Legislators Get Elected?

- 47 Legislative Districts
- 16,500+ people per district
- Elected to 4-year terms
- Limited to 2 terms in each chamber

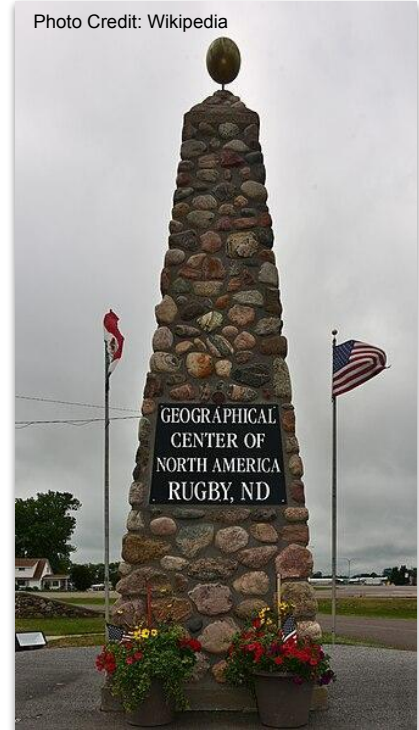


# Get to Know a District: District 14



Rugby, ND. Pop. 2,509

- Rural District
- Small Towns
- Agricultural Area



# Find My Legislators

[ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)

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Date	Event
NOV 28	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
DEC 02	Organizational Session
DEC 03	Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee 12:30pm to 5:30pm CST Pioneer Room, State Capitol
DEC 03	Organizational Session






# Find My Legislators

### Search Criteria

\*House Number Only  (9999999)

\*Zip Code  (99999)

### Search Results

Address	District	Legislators
100 10th St SW	14	
100 11th St SE	14	
100 11th St SW	14	
100 14th St SW	14	
100 1st St NE	14	



# You Found Them!



**Senator  
Jerry Klein**  
District 14 | R



**Representative  
Jon O. Nelson**  
District 14 | R



**Representative  
Robin Weisz**  
District 14 | R

# Legislator Profile

## Representative Jon O. Nelson



### Biography

- Retired Farmer
- Attended MSU & Dakota College at Bottineau
- Board, All Seasons Water Users; Wolford Wildlife Club, Wolford School Board (12 years); Moving the Marble Award, American Cancer Society; Behavior Health Champion Award, Consensus Council; Past Board, Heart of American Hospital; Wolford Lutheran Church Council
- Married (Shirley "Sid"); 3 children
- House since 1997

### Contact Information

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**Email:** [jonelson@ndlegis.gov](mailto:jonelson@ndlegis.gov)



# Level Up in December

- Find your Legislators on [ndlegis.gov](https://ndlegis.gov)
- Email your Legislators to introduce yourself and share an issue or two you care about
  - **Tips:** Be polite, be brief, share your city or address, and thank them
- Help 2 friends find their Legislators' emails



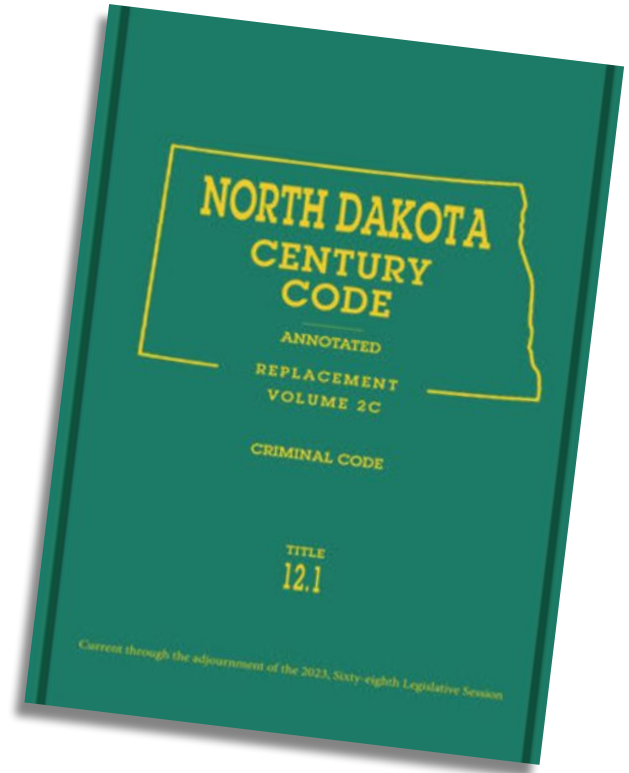
# You're Ready for Level 2!

How a Bill Becomes a Law



# What is a bill?

- A bill is a state law in the making
- Bills create, amend (change), or repeal a law
- Approved bills become law
- Laws go in the [North Dakota Century Code](#)





**A bill is an idea for a law**

# Legislators have lots of ideas!

800-900 bills (ideas) introduced  
each Legislative Session

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Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1424**

Introduced by

Representatives Conmy, Boschee, Dakane, Dobervich, Ista, Wagner  
Senators Hogan, Piepkorn

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-03.2, subsection 1 of  
2 section 16.1-11-06, section 16.1-11-09, subsection 1 of section 16.1-11-11, and subsection 1 of  
3 section 16.1-11-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a candidate's contact  
4 information and the form of a nominating petition and a certificate of endorsement.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-08.1-03.2 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 1. A political committee as defined in section 16.1-08.1-01 shall register its name ~~and~~  
9 ~~contact information,~~ mailing address, telephone number, and nongovernment issued  
10 electronic mail address, its agent's name ~~and contact information,~~ mailing address,  
11 telephone number, and nongovernment issued electronic mail address, and a

Bill Number

Bill Sponsor &  
Cosponsors

Description  
of the Bill

Proposed  
Change of Law

# Step 1: Bill Introduced in Session

1. Bill is submitted by a legislator, a committee, or Legislative Management
2. Bill clerk assigns it a number
3. Bill is assigned to a committee



# What are committees?

- Where the law-making work happens
- A group of legislators evaluate a bill and make recommendations to the whole chamber (House/Senate)
- **Committees Examples:** Agriculture, Education, Judiciary, Human Services



# Step 2: Committee Hearing

1. Committee Chair schedules a public hearing on a bill
  - The schedule comes out every Thursday during session
2. Committee hearing starts:
  - Sponsor Introduces the Bill
  - Testimony in Support
  - Testimony in Opposition
  - Neutral Testimony
3. Chairperson closes the hearing



# Step 3: Committee Work

1. Where the committee meets to discuss the bill & take action
  - Changes (amendments) are made to a majority of bills
2. Committee votes on a recommendation:
  - Do pass
  - Do not pass
  - Amend and do pass
  - Amend and do not pass
  - Without recommendation
3. Bill scheduled for a vote by the whole House/Senate

**Action Point!** Contact your legislators to urge them to vote yes or no



# Step 4: Floor Debate & Vote



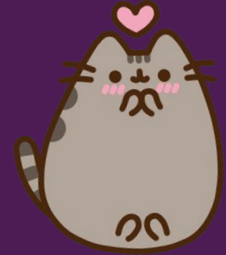
1. Committee member presents the bill
2. Speaker calls for debate
3. Floor vote on the bill
  - Senate = 24 Yes votes to pass
  - House = 48 Yes votes to pass
4. Vote outcome:
  - **NO:** Bill is defeated
  - **YES:** Bill moves forward

# Steps 5 & 6: 2nd Chamber + Governor

1. **Yes Vote in 1st Chamber:** Bill goes to the other chamber
  - **Repeat:** Committee Hearing, Committee Work, Floor Vote
2. **Passes 2nd Chamber:** Bill to Governor to Consider
3. **Governor's Signs:** It's a North Dakota law!
  - Governor's Vetoes (rejects it): Goes back to Legislature where they can override with a 2/3 majority vote

# Quick Review

1. Bill Submitted & Assigned to a Committee
2. Public Hearing & Committee Work/Action
3. Floor Debate & Vote
4. If Passed, Goes to 2nd Chamber (Repeat Steps 1-3)
5. **Passes Both House & Senate + Governor Signs = Law!**



# Public Testimony

Share your story with a committee

# What is public testimony?

- An opportunity for you to be heard by state legislators and influence state law
- Publicly express your support or opposition to a bill or to suggest changes to it
- A committee hearing is the only place you can share your public testimony

# Legislators need to hear from you

- Hundreds of bills are submitted each session
- Legislators count on you to inform them on the issues
- They need to know how an idea for law would impact North Dakotans - positively or negatively
- Public testimony is a great way to let them know

# Ways to Give Testimony

- Share your testimony in the committee hearing:
  - Oral (verbal) testimony in-person or virtual
  - Written testimony only
- Legislators want a written copy of your testimony
- Verbal testimony is the most powerful and effective

# Starting Your Testimony

- Committee Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Jane Doe and I am here in support of HB 1001. I support this bill because... **OR**
- Committee Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Jane Doe and I am here in opposition of HB 1001. I oppose this bill because...



# Written Testimony

- Be brief, simple, polite, and thank them at the end
- Outline your main points in the first paragraph and highlight important points in bold
- Give recommendations for changes to the bill if you have them
- Have someone proofread your testimony before you submit it
- Know the deadline to submit your testimony

Legislators will remember your tone as much as your content

[Example Testimony](#)

# In-Person Testimony

- Plan what you'll wear ahead of time
- Be courteous and respectful to committee members and attendees
- Try not to read your testimony word for word
- Speak in plain language on topics where you have expertise
- Don't repeat what others have said previously in the hearing
- Thank the committee for their time and the opportunity to testify
- Committee members may ask you questions after you testify

# Virtual Testimony

- You will be emailed instructions after you submit your written testimony online
- Be ready during the committee hearing time - sometimes the hearings run behind or ahead of schedule
- Make sure your virtual background is clean or you have a filter on
- Speak slowly and clearly
- If you're having tech issues, the Chair may come back to you later if there's time left for testimony

# Remember:

- If you don't feel comfortable giving public testimony, you can still email or call your state legislators to urge a yes or no vote on a bill.
- You should contact your legislators about the bill even if you give public testimony in the committee hearing.

# Review: Steps to Public Testimony

1. Decide which bill(s) you want to track
2. Check every Thursday evening to see if the bill has a hearing
3. Write your testimony in a Word/Google Doc & save as a .PDF file
4. Submit it on the Legislative Website by the deadline
5. Share your public testimony verbally during the committee hearing - in person or virtually - or watch the hearing online as an observer

# The Legislative Website

Where all the cool kids hang out

# ND Legislative Website

[ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)

1. Watch a hearing or floor vote
2. Track a bill
3. Submit public testimony

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# Session Information

1. Bill Information
2. Calendar & Hearing Schedule

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# OPTION 1

## Find a Bill: If You Have the Bill Number

Enter the bill number at the top right

**Example:** Enter 1001 for House Bill 1001

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## OPTION 2

### Find a Bill: Search by Topic

1. Go to the Session Information Tab
2. Click Major Topic Index

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## OPTION 2

### Find a Bill: Search by Topic

Click on any topic listed to see the list of bills

2023 Regular Session (68th Legislative Assembly)																		
Major Topics Index																		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
A	Abortion	Abstracters - see also Occupations and Professions	Accountants - see also Occupations and Professions															
	Adjutant General - see also National Guard	Administrative Agencies - see also State Government	Administrative Rules															
	Adoption	Aeronautics Commission	Agriculture															
	Agriculture Commissioner	Agronomy Seed Farm	Aircraft															
	Alcohol - see also Drugs	Alcoholic Beverage Tax - see also Taxation	Ambulances															
	Animals - see also Game and Fish; Livestock	Appraisers	Appropriations - see also Continuing Appropriations															
	Architects - see also Occupations and Professions	Attorney General	Attorneys - see also Occupations and Professions															
Auctioneers - see also Occupations and Professions																		
B	Bail Bonds	Bank of North Dakota	Banks and Banking - see also Financial Institutions															
	Barley Council	Beef Commission	Bees															
	Behavioral Health - see also Mental Health	Bids	Bismarck State College															
	Board of Accountancy	Board of Barber Examiners	Board of Higher Education - see also Higher Education															
	Board of Integrated Health Care	Board of Medicine	Board of Nursing															

## OPTION 2

### Find a Bill: Search by Topic

Click on a bill link on the right to see the bill's info

← All Major Topics

2023 Regular Session (68th Legislative Assembly)

### Elections

CATEGORY	BILL
<b>Ballot Format and Deposit</b>	
Ballot Retention Requirements	<a href="#">HB 1320</a>
Ballots in School District Bond Elections	<a href="#">SB 2144</a>
Form of the Primary Ballot – Endorsement or Nominating Petition Designation	<a href="#">SB 2280</a>
Limitation of Drop Boxes as Lawful Places of Deposit for Absent Voters' Ballots and Mail Ballots	<a href="#">HB 1314</a>
Placement of Applicant's Name on the Ballot Designation of Position Sought	<a href="#">HB 1204</a>
Repeal Chapter Relating to Mail Ballot Elections	<a href="#">SB 2308</a>
<b>Beef Commission Districts</b>	<a href="#">HB 1436</a>
<b>Campaign Finance</b>	
Campaign Contribution Limitations and Disclosure Statements	<a href="#">SB 2315</a>
Campaign Contribution Statements for Candidates Seeking a School District Office	<a href="#">HB 1257</a>
Disclosures of Political Parties and Candidates	<a href="#">HB 1529</a>
Large Expenditure Disclosure Statements Required of Political Committees	<a href="#">SB 2312</a>
Repeal Statute Identifying the Ultimate and True Source of Funds for Political Contributions	<a href="#">HB 1500</a>
Reporting of Aggregate Expenditures for Political Purposes	<a href="#">SB 2318</a>
Reporting the Ultimate and True Source of Funds for Political Contributions	<a href="#">HB 1500</a>
Reports of Expenditures Made in Support of or Opposition to Legislative Candidates	<a href="#">HB 1441</a>
School District Elections Campaign Contribution Statements	<a href="#">HB 1116</a>
<b>Candidate's Contact Information, Nominating Petition, and Certificate of Endorsement</b>	<a href="#">HB 1424</a>
<b>Canvass Reports Deadlines</b>	<a href="#">HB 1192</a>
<b>Citizenship</b>	

## OPTION 3

# Find a Bill: Search the List of Bills

1. Go to the Session Information Tab
2. Click Bills And Resolutions

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  - Rules
  - Ethics
  - Harassment Policy
  - Order Of Business
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  - Recommendation Of The ND Uniform Laws Commission
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  - House Floor
  - Senate Floor
  - Standing Committee Hearings
  - Printable Daily Calendars
  - Conference Committee Hearings
- COMMITTEES**
  - Session
  - Interim
  - Statutory
- LEGISLATOR INFORMATION**
  - Legislators
  - Bill Sponsors
  - Roll Call Votes
  - Legislator Video
  - Standing Committee Hearing Conflict Of Interest
  - Floor Session Conflict Of Interest

## OPTION 2

### Find a Bill: Search the List of Bills

Search at the top  
or scroll down the  
list and then click  
on a bill card



68th Legislative Assembly (2023-25)  
**Bills & Resolutions Index**

Text Search: Search all text  
Session Type: Filter by session type  
Chamber of Origin: Filter by chamber  
Document Type: Filter by document type  
Current Bill Status: Filter by bill status  
Title Text: Search title text only  
Member Sponsor: Filter by sponsor  
Committee Sponsor: Filter by committee  
State Agency: Filter by agency  
Last Official Action: Filter by last action

Sort By Bill Number | Sort By Latest Activity | Clear Filters

Showing 1006 of 1006 Total Bills

<b>HB 1001</b> ✓ AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government; to amend and reenact sections 54-03-20 and 54-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative compensation; to provide a report; to provide an exemption; to provide for Sponsors Introduced by Appropriations Last Official Action Filed with Secretary Of State 04/21	<b>HB 1002</b> ✓ AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch; to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02, 27-05-03, and 27-091-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salaries of justices of the supreme court, the salaries of district court judges, and compensation of jurors; Sponsors Introduced by Appropriations Last Official Action Filed with Secretary Of State 04/29	<b>HB 1003</b> ✓ AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the North Dakota university system; to provide an appropriation to the Bank of North Dakota; to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09, four new sections to chapter 15-10, section 15-10-48.2, and section 15-18.2-06.1 of the North Dakota Sponsors Introduced by Appropriations Last Official Action Filed with Secretary Of State 05/09	<b>HB 1004</b> ✓ AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public health division of the department of health and human services; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the deposit of judgment funds; to provide for a legislative Sponsors Introduced by Appropriations Last Official Action Filed with Secretary Of State 04/19
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# Bill Profile: Everything You Need

[← View All Bills](#)

68th Legislative Assembly (2023-25)  
**HB 1424**

[A](#) Amendment  
[E](#) Engrossment  
[HJ](#) House Journal

[R](#) Marked Up  
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**Sponsors**  
Introduced by Rep. Conmy, Rep. Boschee, Rep. Dakane, Rep. Dobervich, Sen. Hogan, Rep. Ista, Sen. Piepkorn, Rep. Wagner

**Title**  
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**Current Status**  
Governor signed

**Last Official Action**  
Filed with Secretary Of State 04/05

**Legislative History**  
[View History](#)



# Versions Tab: Current Text of the Bill

← View All Bills

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**HB 1424**


**A** Amendment      **M** Marked Up  
**E** Engrossment      **\$** Fiscal Note  
**HJ** House Journal      **SJ** Senate Journal

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Search:

VERSION	DESCRIPTION
23.0518.01000	INTRODUCED
23.0518.02000	Enrollment

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries



Current version of the bill will be at the bottom of the list.



# Actions Tab: What's Happened to the Bill

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**HB 1424**

**A** Amendment  
**E** Engrossment  
**HJ** House Journal

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**SJ** Senate Journal

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Search:

DATE ▾	CHAMBER ⇅	DESCRIPTION ⇅	VERSION ⇅	ROLL CALL	JOURNAL ⇅
01/17	House	Introduced, first reading, referred to Political Subdivisions	23.0518.01000		HJ 304
01/27	House	Committee Hearing 09:00			
01/27	House	Reported back, do pass, place on calendar 8 6 0			HJ 430
01/30	House	Second reading, passed, yeas 83 nays 11	23.0518.01000	83-11-0	HJ 436
01/31	Senate	Received from House			SJ 350
02/13	Senate	Introduced, first reading, referred to State and Local Government	23.0518.01000		SJ 559

# Video Tab: Watch What's Happened








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68th Legislative Assembly (2023-25)  
**HB 1424**

Amendment (A) Engrossment (E) House Journal (HJ) Marked Up (M) Fiscal Note (F) Senate Journal (SJ)

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Search:

DATE ▾	TIME	DAY ↕	CHAMBER/COMMITTEE ↕	DESCRIPTION ↕	VERSIONS ↕
01/27	09:00 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Call to Order	
01/27	09:01 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	HB1424	
01/27	09:02 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Representative Conmy introduction to HB 1424 - Support	
01/27	09:06 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Jack McDonald - NDNPA - Support	
01/27	09:10 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Matt Garden - ND League of Cities - Opposition	
01/27	09:13 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Close Hearing on HB 1424	
01/27	09:13 AM	17	House Political Subdivisions	Representative Klemin Motion to DO PASS on HB 1424	



# Testimony Tab: Read Written Testimony

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**HB 1424**

A Amendment
E Engrossment
HJ House Journal
M Marked Up
↓ Fiscal Note
SJ Senate Journal

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Search:

HEARING DATE ▾	TIME	COMMITTEE ⇅	NAME	ORGANIZATION	ROLE	CITY STATE	POSITION	DOCUMENT NUMBER ▾
01/27	09:00 AM	House Political Subdivisions	Liz A. Conmy	Representative North Dakota House		Fargo, ND	In Favor	17267
01/27	09:00 AM	House Political Subdivisions	Barbara Headrick	League of Women Voters of North Dakota	Board President	Fargo, ND	In Favor	17334
03/16	10:00 AM	Senate State and Local Government	Barbara Headrick	League of Women Voters of North Dakota	Board President	Fargo, ND	In Favor	24792
03/16	10:00 AM	Senate State and Local Government	Liz Conmy	House of Representatives	Representative	Fargo, ND	In Favor	24960
03/16	10:00 AM	Senate State and Local Government	Jack McDonald	ND Newspaper & Broadcasters Associations	ND Newspaper & Broadcasters Associations	Bismarck, ND	In Favor	25489
03/16	10:00 AM	Senate State and Local Government	Bill Wocken	ND League of Cities			In Opposition	25562



## OPTION 1

# Hearings Tab: Submit Testimony

## Submit Your Testimony

When a hearing is scheduled, you'll see a link to submit testimony.

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68th Legislative Assembly (2023-25)  
**HB 1467**

Amendment (A), Engrossment (E), House Journal (HJ), Marked Up (M), Fiscal Note (F), Senate Journal (SJ)

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Search:

DATE ▾	TIME	HEARING TYPE ▾	COMMITTEE ▾	ROOM ▾	DESCRIPTION ▾	
02/02	9:30 AM	Bill Hearing	House Political Subdivisions	327B	Relating to random audits after the certification of an election	<a href="#">Submit Testimony</a>

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

## OPTION 2

# Submit Your Testimony

1. Go to Session Information Tab
2. Click Standing Committee Hearings

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following items: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUILDING MAPS, RFPS, FAQs, CALENDAR, VIDEO, and CONTACT. Below the menu, there are tabs for: Constitution, Laws, and Admin Code; Legislative Assembly; **Session Information** (selected); Interim Information; Budget Information; and Library and Research. A search bar is present with the text 'Find a bill' and 'Find my legislator', and a dropdown for 'Year' and an input field for 'Enter bill number'.

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- SESSION HOME**
  - 69th Legislative Assembly - Regular Session
- ORIENTATION AND ORGANIZATION**
  - Organizational Session Agenda (Tentative)
  - Employee Orientation Agenda (Tentative)
- SESSION INFORMATION**
  - Deadlines (Tentative)
  - Rules
  - Ethics
  - Harassment Policy
  - Order Of Business
- PRESESSION INFORMATION**
  - Recommendation Of The ND Uniform Laws Commission
  - Prefiled Bills
  - Legislative Drafting Manual
- BILL INFORMATION**
  - Major Topic Index
  - Bill Tracking System
  - Bills And Resolutions
  - Journals
  - Bills Introduced On The Floor
- POSTSESSION INFORMATION**
  - Final Bill Status
  - Effective Dates Of Legislation
  - Session Laws
  - Title Summaries
  - Bill Histories
- CALENDAR & HEARING SCHEDULES**
  - House Floor
  - Senate Floor
  - Standing Committee Hearings
  - Printable Daily Calendars
  - Conference Committee Hearings
- COMMITTEES**
  - Session
  - Interim
  - Statutory
- LEGISLATOR INFORMATION**
  - Legislators
  - Bill Sponsors
  - Roll Call Votes
  - Legislator Video
  - Standing Committee Hearing Conflict Of Interest
  - Floor Session Conflict Of Interest

## OPTION 2

# Submit Your Testimony

1. Search for your bill number
2. Click Submit Testimony

House Committees

- Agriculture
- Education
- Finance and Taxation
- Human Services
- Judiciary
- Transportation

Senate Committees

- Agriculture and Veterans Affairs
- Appropriations
- Education
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Human Services
- Judiciary
- Transportation

Committee Hearings January 15, 2023 to January 21, 2023

Show  entries Search:

BILL ↕	DATE/TIME ▼	COMMITTEE ↕	SUB-COMM ↕	ROOM ↕	DESCRIPTION ↕
HB 1209	01/16 8:30 AM	House Appropriations - Education and Environment Division	(EE)	Prairie	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for the opera house restoration grant program.

[Submit Testimony by 7:30 AM on 01/16/20.](#)

## Submit Your Testimony

1. Scroll down
2. Fill out the form

Only add an organization if you are officially representing one

### Registrant Information

\*Name

Agency/Organization

Agency/Organization Role

\*Email Address

\*Confirm Email Address

\*Phone Number (  )  -   
\*If you plan to call into remote meeting, enter the Phone Number you would use to call into the remote meeting.

\*City/State

*\* Denotes required field*

## Submit Your Testimony

**Agenda Items**

8:30 AM | HB 1209 — Clear/Remove Testimony

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a historic opera house restoration grant program.

Testimony Provided:  In support of  In opposition to  Neutral

Testimony Format:  Written only  Written and Oral (Remote Meeting)  Written and Oral (In-Person)

*\*Accepts .pdf or .txt files only; No more than 5 files allowed*

1. Scroll down
2. Select if your testimony is in support or opposition to the bill
3. Select your Testimony Format
4. Browse your files for your saved testimony (.pdf file type)
5. Click Submit

**You did it!**



# ND Legislative Website

[ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)

1. Watch a hearing or floor vote
2. Find a bill
3. Submit public testimony



The screenshot shows the homepage of the North Dakota Legislative Branch website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with links for LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUILDING MAPS, RFPS, FAQs, CALENDAR, VIDEO, and CONTACT, along with a search icon. Below this is a light gray header area containing the Legislative Branch logo and several menu items: Constitution, Laws, and Admin Code; Legislative Assembly; Session Information; Interim Information; Budget Information; and Library and Research. To the right of these items is a search bar with the text 'Find a bill' and 'Find my legislator', and a dropdown menu for 'Year' and an input field for 'Enter bill number' with a search icon. The main content area features a large photograph of the North Dakota State Capitol interior, with a semi-transparent white box overlaid on the bottom right containing the text 'North Dakota Legislative Branch'. To the right of the photograph is a 'Legislative Calendar' widget with a calendar icon and the heading 'UPCOMING'. The calendar lists three events: 'NOV 28 Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)', 'DEC 02 Organizational Session', and 'DEC 03 Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee' (with details: 12:30pm to 5:30pm CST, Pioneer Room, State Capitol) and 'DEC 03 Organizational Session'. Below the calendar is a 'Legislative Bill Tracking System' widget with a document icon and two buttons: 'Sign in' and 'Create account'.

# LWVND Advocacy & Resources

Voting and election bills all day

# LWVND 2025 Legislative Priorities

1. Voting Rights
2. Ethics and Transparency in Government
3. Campaign Finance/Money in Politics

Our team tracked **39 voting & election bills in 2023**. We'll be back at it again in 2025!

[Our Bill Tracker](#)

# Stay Informed: Join us!

For legislative updates on Voting Rights & Democracy Issues, **become a member!**

- Anyone of any gender age 16+ can join
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- Monthly legislative update calls

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# Resource: League in Action

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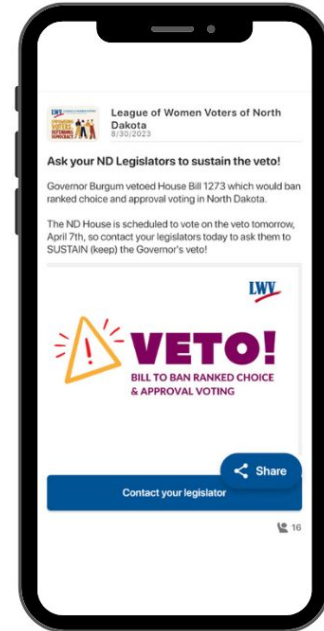
<https://vc0.co/LPW>

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# Resource: Citizen's Guide to Lobbying

[lwvnd.org/citizen-guide](http://lwvnd.org/citizen-guide)



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## Citizen's Guide to Lobbying

If you want to make your voice heard in North Dakota, this is your guide! You can influence government decisions and legislation by taking an active role during the legislative session. Scroll to the bottom of the page for a glossary of terms.

### What Is Citizen Lobbying?

Citizen lobbying is when you try to convince legislators to vote for or against a **bill**. You can lobby them to influence their position on a bill through your knowledge or personal experience



# Resource: YouTube Videos

[youtube.com/@LWVND](https://youtube.com/@LWVND)



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# Let's Review!

You're ready to take action

# Prepare for the Session

- Look up your State Legislators & save their contact info
- Email your Legislators to introduce yourself and share about an issue you care about
- Practice using the Legislative Website ([ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov))
- Follow organizations working on issues you care about

# During the Legislative Session

- Track bill(s) on the legislative website
- **Take Action on Bills:**
  - Email your legislators urging a yes or no vote on a bill
  - Submit your public testimony when the bill has a committee hearing scheduled
  - Share the bill with friends & show them how to take action

# 2025 Legislative Session Calendar

**January 7:** Legislative Session Begins

**January 20:** Bill filing deadline for the House

**January 27:** Bill filing deadline for the Senate

**February 28:** Bills go over to the other chamber (crossover)

**March 3-4:** Session recess

**May 2:** Session ends on or before this date

The committee hearing schedule comes out every Thursday evening

# Thank you!

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