

April 5, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

Page 1, line 1, after "37-17.1-05" insert "and a new section to chapter 54-03"

Page 1, line 2, after "orders" insert "and permitting a virtual meeting of the legislative management and a virtual session of the legislative assembly"

Page 1, line 17, after "37-17.1" insert "and the governor consents to the order"

Page 1, line 19, after "emergency" insert "unless terminated earlier pursuant to chapter 37-17.1"

Page 1, line 22, overstrike "may" and insert immediately thereafter "shall"

Page 2, line 12, remove "declared"

Page 2, line 12, after "is" insert "declared and"

Page 2, line 16, remove "receiving the request from"

Page 2, line 17, after "management" insert "sends a request to the governor"

Page 2, line 19, replace "received by" with "sent to"

Page 2, line 20, remove "receiving"

Page 2, line 20, after "management" insert "was sent"

Page 2, line 22, after the underscored period insert "If the legislative assembly meets to address a declared state of disaster or emergency, the legislative assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate, extend, or modify the state of disaster or emergency."

Page 3, line 5, after the underscored comma insert "if a state of disaster or emergency relating to public health is declared and in effect."

Page 3, line 6, replace "a" with "the"

Page 3, line 7, after "emergency" insert "relating to public health"

Page 3, after line 7, insert:

"**SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Virtual session of the legislative management and legislative assembly during emergency or disaster.**

1. If the legislative management meets to vote on whether the legislative management should request the governor call a special session of the legislative assembly, the legislative management may use any technology or electronic means available to conduct meetings and transact legislative business.

2. If the governor calls a special session of the legislative assembly to address a state of emergency or disaster or if the legislative assembly reconvenes to address a state of emergency or disaster, the legislative assembly may use any technology or electronic means available to conduct meetings and transact legislative business.
3. For purposes of section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, a meeting of the legislative assembly which occurs under this section is deemed to have occurred at the seat of the government, and all actions taken during the meeting have the same legal effect as if the members of the legislative assembly were physically present at the seat of government."

Renumber accordingly