

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1050

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Regulatory Reform Review Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a regulatory reform review commission.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Regulatory reform review commission - Appointments - Compensation - Report**
7 **to legislative council.** The regulatory reform review commission shall review the operation
8 and effect of North Dakota telecommunications law on an ongoing basis during the interims
9 between the 1999 and 2003 legislative sessions and shall submit a report regarding its
10 operation and effect to the legislative council in 2000 and 2002. The regulatory reform review
11 commission may review the effects of federal universal service support mechanisms on
12 telecommunications companies and consumers in this state and may review the preservation
13 and advancement of universal service in this state, consistent with the Communications Act of
14 1934 [47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.], as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [Pub. L.
15 104-104; 110 Stat. 56] during these interims and may include any findings and
16 recommendations in its reports to the legislative council. The regulatory reform review
17 commission consists of one member of the public service commission who has responsibility
18 for telecommunications regulation, two members of the senate, appointed by the president of
19 the senate, and two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker. The
20 chairman of the legislative council shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the
21 regulatory reform review commission from the legislative members of the commission. The
22 public service commission shall provide technical assistance and the legislative council shall
23 provide staff services to the regulatory reform review commission. The legislative members of
24 the regulatory reform review commission are entitled to the same compensation as provided for

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- 1 members of committees of the legislative council. The legislative council shall pay the
- 2 compensation for the legislative members of the regulatory reform review commission. The
- 3 public service commission shall pay the expenses of the member of the public service
- 4 commission serving on the regulatory reform review commission and the public service
- 5 commission staff providing technical assistance while carrying out their duties.