

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1300  
(Representatives Sandvig, Ekstrom, Kerzman)  
(Senators Krauter, Kroeplin, Thompson)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorizing governmental employers to allow public employees a leave of absence for service in the legislative assembly.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Service in the legislative assembly - Leave of absence from public employment.** The executive officer in charge of a state agency, department, or institution or the governing body of any political subdivision may grant a leave of absence from employment to a full-time employee of that governmental entity who is a member of the legislative assembly for service during any regular or special session of the legislative assembly. The leave of absence may be without pay, and the employer may reduce or eliminate the payment of any additional benefits normally due the employee while the employee is performing legislative service. A state agency, department, or institution or a political subdivision may not terminate the employment of an employee solely due to the fact that the employee is absent from employment as the result of service in the legislative assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1300.

House Vote:      Yeas    74      Nays    16      Absent    8

Senate Vote:    Yeas    34      Nays    13      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State