

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2232

Introduced by

Senators B. Stenehjem, Kringstad, Thompson

Representatives Carlisle, Hoffner, Cleary

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the qualifications of members of the board of election.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-05-02 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 1. a. ~~Every~~ Except as provided in subdivisions b and d, every member of the
7 election board and each poll clerk must be a qualified elector of the precinct in
8 which the person is assigned to work and must be eligible to vote at the
9 polling place to which the person is assigned unless the county auditor has
10 exhausted all means to appoint election judges and clerks from within the
11 voting precinct under subsection 2 of section 16.1-05-01.
- 12 b. A student enrolled in a high school or college in this state who has attained
13 the age of sixteen is eligible to be appointed as a poll clerk if the student
14 possesses the following qualifications:
- 15 (1) Is a United States citizen or will be a citizen at the time of the election
16 at which the student will be serving as a member of an election board;
17 (2) Is a resident of this state and has resided in the precinct at least thirty
18 days before the election; and
- 19 (3) Is a student in good standing attending a secondary or higher
20 education institution.
- 21 c. A student appointed as a poll clerk may be excused from school attendance
22 during the hours that the student is serving as a poll clerk, including training
23 sessions, if the student submits a written request to be absent from school
24 signed and approved by the student's parent or guardian and by the school

1 administrator and a certification from the district party chairman or county
2 auditor stating the hours during which the student will serve. A student
3 excused from school attendance under this subdivision may not be recorded
4 as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative. No more than
5 two students may serve as poll clerks on an election board.
6 d. An individual who has attained the age of sixteen and has graduated from
7 high school or obtained a general education degree from an accredited
8 educational institution is eligible to be appointed as a poll clerk if the individual
9 meets the qualifications of paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision b.