

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1028
(Legislative Council)
(Commerce Committee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 52-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of an unemployment insurance advisory council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 52-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

52-02-07. State and local unemployment insurance advisory councils appointed by bureau council - Composition - Duties - Compensation.

1. ~~The bureau governor shall appoint a state~~ an unemployment insurance advisory council ~~and may appoint local advisory councils, composed in each case of an equal number of employer representatives and employee representatives who may be regarded fairly as representative because of their vocation, employment, or affiliations, and of such members representing the general public as the bureau may designate. Such councils shall aid the bureau in formulating policies, and discussing problems related to the administration of the bureau and in assuring impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of such problems~~ consisting of eight members:
 - a. Five members must represent employers, two of whom must represent employers employing fewer than twenty-five employees, one of whom must represent employers employing twenty-five or more employees, one of whom must represent an employer from the positive employer rate groups, and one of whom must represent an employer from the negative employer rate groups. Each employer representative must be a principal owner, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of the employer.
 - b. Two members must represent employees, one of whom must represent organized labor and one of whom does not hold a managerial position in employment.
 - c. One at-large member who must be a resident of the state.
2. Of the members first appointed, the term of office of three members is three years, the term of office of three members is two years, and the term of office of two members is one year. Thereafter, the term of office of each member is three years. The governor shall fill any vacancy on the council by appointing a member to complete the unexpired term.
3. The council shall select a chairman annually from its members.
4. The unemployment insurance advisory council shall advise job service North Dakota regarding issues relating to the operations, effectiveness, fairness, and efficiency of the unemployment insurance program, and on any related issue or concern brought to the council's attention by the executive director or the executive director's designee. The council shall meet at least once each calendar year and may meet at the call of the chairman or at the call of the executive director.
5. ~~The state members of the unemployment insurance advisory council must be reimbursed for any necessary expenses but shall serve without further and are entitled to receive compensation except such as may be authorized and fixed by the bureau by regulation.~~

~~Local advisory councils may be reimbursed for any necessary expenses but must serve without further compensation~~ in the sum of one hundred dollars per day spent in attendance at meetings.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1028.

House Vote: Yeas 85 Nays 7 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State