

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1222

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Devlin, Thoreson

Senators Flakoll, O'Connell, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act providing for determining the estimated fiscal effect of an initiated measure.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Estimated fiscal effect of an initiated measure.** At least ninety days
4 before a statewide election at which an initiated measure will be voted upon, the legislative
5 council shall coordinate the determination of the estimated fiscal effect of the initiated measure.
6 Upon notification from the secretary of state that signed petitions have been submitted for
7 placement of an initiated measure on the ballot, the legislative council or a committee
8 designated by the council shall request, from the state agency, institution, or department most
9 directly affected by the provisions of the measure, information on the estimated fiscal effect of
10 the measure on state government. Each agency, institution, or department shall provide the
11 information requested within ten business days of the receipt of the request. The legislative
12 council or its designated committee shall hold one or more hearings to receive testimony and
13 information on the estimated fiscal effect of the initiated measure. The agency, institution, or
14 department may revise its estimate based on the testimony or information received after the
15 initial estimate. At least thirty days prior to the public vote on the measure, the legislative
16 council or its designated committee shall submit the estimated fiscal effect information as
17 provided by the state agency, institution, or department to the secretary of state. Upon receipt,
18 the secretary of state shall include a notice within the analysis required by section 16.1-01-07
19 specifying where copies of the statement of the estimated fiscal effect can be obtained. Within
20 thirty days after the close of the first complete fiscal year after the effective date of an initiated
21 measure approved by the voters, the agency, institution, or department that provided the
22 estimated fiscal effect information to the legislative council under this section shall submit a
23 report to the legislative council on the actual revenues or expenditures resulting from provisions
24 of the initiated measure compared to the estimates provided to the legislative council.