

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1222
(Representatives Carlson, Devlin, Thoreson)
(Senators Flakoll, O'Connell, Wardner)

AN ACT providing for determining the estimated fiscal impact of an initiated measure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Estimated fiscal impact of an initiated measure. At least ninety days before a statewide election at which an initiated measure will be voted upon, the legislative council shall coordinate the determination of the estimated fiscal impact of the initiated measure. Upon notification from the secretary of state that signed petitions have been submitted for placement of an initiated measure on the ballot, the legislative council shall hold hearings, receive public testimony, and gather information on the estimated fiscal impact of the measure. Each agency, institution, or department shall provide information requested in the format and timeframe prescribed by the legislative council or its designated committee for identifying the estimated fiscal impact of an initiated measure. At least thirty days prior to the public vote on the measure, the legislative council shall submit a statement of the estimated fiscal impact of the measure to the secretary of state. Upon receipt, the secretary of state shall include a notice within the analysis required by section 16.1-01-07 specifying where copies of the statement of the estimated fiscal impact can be obtained. Within thirty days of the close of the first complete fiscal year after the effective date of an initiated measure approved by the voters, the agencies, institutions, or departments that provided the estimates of the fiscal impact of the measure to the legislative council under this section shall submit a report to the legislative council on the actual fiscal impact for the first complete fiscal year resulting from provisions of the initiated measure and a comparison to the estimates provided to the legislative council under this section and the legislative council shall issue a report of the actual fiscal impact of the initiated measure.

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. 1222.

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 12 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 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